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Whitmire, 'Montrose Candidate,' Addresses the Neighborhood

By Robert Hyde

In an interview Wednesday evening following the last of the community meetings which have propelled her around the city over the last few weeks, incumbent Mayor Kathy Whitmire paused for a moment to address certain issues facing Montrose and the gay community.

"I think most people know that I live in Montrose and have for a number of years," she said proudly. "I think it's a very special neighborhood—one that has a tremendous potential for being a good place to live, and I want to see that potential realized."

Prior to a hurried late-night return to her office and then to face another event before eight in the morning, Whitmire was relaxed and eager to express her appreciation for the neighborhood, as well as her concerns for most of its citizens. At first, she was a bit nervous—not quite knowing what to expect and perhaps realizing that the gay community is sometimes capable of throwing a wrench into a well-greased political machine. Then she was quick to warm, smiled easily and then confidently expressed that she feels that her rapport with our community has been a good one.

"I feel I've taken a strong position in favor of human rights on the basis of any form of discrimination based on sexual preference," she said. "And the encouraging thing is that the majority of our city council feels that way also."

Over the past two years, the community has seen many accomplishments at City Hall. Whitmire is proudest of her appointment of Police Chief Lee Brown and the subsequent lessening of police harassment of the community. In addition—and something that would probably never have taken place had her opponent in '81, Jack Heard, won the race—new recruits to the police department are being educated, as well as a few of the old ones.

"We provide in the training academy some education on diverse lifestyles—gay lifestyles—and we also have a task force from the gay community meeting with the police chief to help resolve problems."

Also in the past, Whitmire has responded to numerous invitations throughout the community to become closer to its key issues. Unfortunately, she admits, "I've received a lot more invitations that I can fulfill."

But she is quick to mention that she appeared at the gay rights rally at the Summit last year, as well as at the one held the year before at Spotts Park.

But is the mayor ready to ride down Westheimer in the Gay Pride Week Parade next year, an event that many members of the community would consider an outright, forceful endorsement?

"Not especially," she says. "That's not coming up until next summer, and it's something I haven't given any thought to right now. I won't put down an unequivocal 'no,' but I'm certainly not prepared to commit to it at this point."

But overall, she sees her record with the community as being a very positive one, unhampered by many of the plagues that have greeted San Francisco Mayor Diane Feinstein.

"She's certainly had her problems with the gay community," she said reflectively. "Much more so than I have."

However, Mayor Whitmire was surprised to learn that Houston's Gay Political Caucus had failed to target her

mayoral race, although they did endorse it, which has come to the attention of some of her opponents.

"I didn't know that they had failed to target me," she said after a short laugh. "I'm disappointed. But we've had a lot of people from GPC who've worked in the campaign this time, just like they did last time. We've had good support."

In addressing other issues important to the Montrose area, she focused on a couple of pet projects on which she's working.

She pointed with particular pride to the renovation of Cherryhurst Park and to the proposed branch library in the area—a Montrose first—for which the land has already been purchased.

"Libraries were very important to me as I was growing up in this city," she said. "And I'm looking forward to the Montrose branch library at Richmond and Mandel."

Tackling the issue of pot-hole filled

THE VOICE RECOMMENDS

The Montrose Voice extensively researched the candidates and the issues in Tuesday's election and asks you to consider our recommendations in these races:

Mayor: Kathy Whitmire
(also acceptable: Dick Slemmer)

Controller: Lance Lalor
District C Council: George Greanias
(District D Council: Rodney Ellis)
(District H Council: Dale Gorczynski)

Council-at-Large Pos. 1: Anne Wheeler
Council-at-Large Pos. 2:
Eleanor Thasley or
Carolyn Day Hobson

Council-at-Large Pos. 3:
Jim Greenwood
Council-at-Large Pos. 4: Anthony Hall
(also acceptable: Nikki Van Hightower
and Martin Ramfola)

Council-at-Large Pos. 5:
Judson Robinson, Jr.
Proposition A (Convention Center): For
Proposition B (911 Emergency Number): For

Constitutional Amendments: 4-Against, 6-For, 8-Against, 9-For, 10-For, 11-For.

Richmond Avenue, a thorn in the side of anyone's whose driven the street, she jokingly said, "it's terrible. I recommend that you drive on Alabama, instead."

"But plans are underway to bring that bumpy stretch of Richmond up to the standards of the rest of the thoroughfare."

"Richmond is one of the worst streets in the whole city, and people keep asking, 'Well, if the mayor lives here, why is this street in the rest of the thoroughfare?'"

"The plan is for the city to widen Richmond Avenue. Richmond has been widened on most of its length, except for that little area right there between Shepherd and Yorkwood where it needs to be widened," she said. "And the plans have been drawn up for sometime, and we have redoubled our efforts to get the land acquired so that we can go ahead with it."

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Wright Challenges the Mayor, Hopes to Defeat the Gay-Supported Candidate

By Pamela Wolfe

"Even though I didn't get the GPC endorsement, I feel like it's time that we concentrate on those things that unite us instead of those things that divide us," said mayoral candidate Bill Wright to the gay community in a recent interview.

Wright is a smooth politician who knows how to talk to people, as evidenced by his actions of only two years ago when he worked successfully as a fundraiser in Kathy Whitmire's mayoral campaign. But now he is Whitmire's major opponent. And to prove how close their political camp still lie, both candidates share political support from several financial backers, as well as similar views. So as a former fundraiser and ally of Mayor Whitmire, Wright must call to task his well-polished political skills to point out their political differences.

Wright failed to receive the politically influential endorsement of the Gay Political Caucus. But according to Larry Bagneris, president of the GPC, he passed the GPC screening test "with flying colors."

Bagneris explained that while Wright clearly understands and supports gay issues, "Kathy is the proven individual in the gay community."



Candidate Bill Wright

In the 1981 mayoral campaign, the GPC considered Whitmire's candidacy as top priority and targeted her race, concentrating on rallying massive support in Montrose for the then city controller. But this year, the GPC targeted three other races, instead.

Bagneris explained the GPC's change in priority as "our way of saying to the mayor 'wake up,' we expect more out of you people we deliver to."

The GPC leadership still encourages members to participate in Whitmire's

campaign, although it was not the priority race for them this year.

As Mayor Whitmire's former campaign fundraiser, Wright held a position that basically involved selling her fine points as a public administrator and politician. Now he criticizes her political priorities, blunders and weaknesses.

When asked to address critics who may focus on his sharp political about-face, he replied, "I think in 1981, the things that I was talking about in terms of Whitmire's promises, I believed—the need to restructure government, to make it more efficient, to spend our tax dollars according to priorities, to have open and accessible government. I still believe in these. If you look at it, Whitmire's the one who's changed."

Seemingly unperturbed by a hectic office and occasional interruptions from schedule-conscious aides, Wright continued pointing out his more efficient criticisms of Whitmire's administration.

The problem with city government, he says, is that "it's being run like a business where the stockholders' base is making all the decisions without asking the stockholders anything. That's where the mayor's gone wrong."

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WHY?

COUNCILMAN

ANTHONY HALL

Councilmember ANTHONY HALL has been a human rights advocate throughout his twelve year political career. He is committed to the causes and issues which are important to the Gay Community and he has the knowledge, the contacts and the political skills to help us secure our rights.

Whenever we've needed him, he's been there—in the Texas Legislature, in the City Council, in the Democratic Party.

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE

In 1973, when Anthony Hall voted to repeal Texas Penal Code 21.06, he was booed from the Legislature floor. At the time, he didn't have a gay constituency—he opposed discrimination as a matter of principle.

In 1974, Anthony Hall received the Susan B. Anthony Award from the Harris County Women's Political Caucus for his legislative action on behalf of women's rights.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXPERIENCE

As a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, Hall has championed gay participation and gay issues.

As Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee and member of the Rules Committee, Hall secured rules prohibiting discrimination because of race, sex or sexual orientation.

When, in 1980, the State Democratic Party called for the repeal of 21.06, as chair of the Convention Resolution Committee, Hall spoke from the podium in support of the repeal.

In 1980, as a national delegate, Hall supported the inclusion of the Gay Rights Plank in the National Democratic Party Platform.

CITY COUNCIL EXPERIENCE

In 1980, Hall voted to repeal Houston's Cross Dressing Ordinance. Whenever asked by the GPC leadership, he has been willing to support us with legislation, resolution and action.

As author of the City's Affirmative Action Resolution, Hall has agreed to sponsor an amendment to include sexual orientation as a protected category.

As our friend, Councilmember Anthony Hall deserves our continued support

**VOTE FOR ANTHONY HALL
at large Position 4**

Anthony Hall was recommended as the best candidate in Position 4 by the GPC Political Action Screening Committee, but did not receive the GPC endorsement.



Mayor Whitmire with supporters previous site of Sunday's campaign event

Strolling with the Mayor

"Stroll Down Institute Lane with the Mayor" during a political reception for Houston's gay community and Houston's Mayor Kathy Whitmire on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. beginning at 5301 Institute, the home of Jim Hazen.

The street will be closed to vehicular traffic for the open air event which will feature food, music, art and politicians. Among the musical contributors will be the Jazz Ensemble from the High School for Performing and Visual Arts, a strolling barbershop quartet and strolling flautist, plus continuous piano at the Hazen open house.

Other festive attractions will include early modes of Houston transport—a horse and buggy and an antique car—and a 1964 Phantom Rolls Royce.

Hot dogs, pretzels, ice cream sandwiches, wine, beer and soft drinks will be served at minimal cost. A \$10 donation will be requested to attend the afternoon affair.

Institute Lane is a short street that makes a "T" with Bissonnet at the 1400 block, about six blocks west of the Museum of Fine Arts. Sunday parking on Bissonnet is permitted.

GPC Admits Pushcards are Illegal

By Pamela Wolfe

Issuing a pre-election warning, Gay Political Caucus President Larry Bagnier announced at the GPC meeting Wednesday evening that mass-produced voting pushcards are illegal.

According to Bagnier, County Clerk Anita Rodeheaver, who is responsible for managing city elections, notified all precinct judges that bloc cards are now considered illegal. Yet since the pushcard is extremely important in delivering the gay community's bloc vote to City Hall, Bagnier advised pulling out the pushcard only while within the privacy of the voting booth—or writing down GPC-endorsed candidate on another sheet of paper.

In another area of discussion, GPC activist Ray Hill reminded members, in anticipation of civil rights abuses, that it is a violation of an individual's constitutional rights to be searched.

Later in the evening, past GPC President Lee Harrington announced that President Reagan signed a bill—with Coretta Scott King at his side—commemorating a national holiday for Martin Luther King. Harrington had previously made a motion for GPC members to endorse the bill, which overwhelmingly passed. He explained that it is most important that the GPC endorse the bill out of respect for human rights and in support of other minority groups' struggles against discrimination.

In closing, Bagnier mentioned that the "Election Central" party will be held at Numbers, 300 Westheimer, Tuesday evening. GPC members were also invited to attend GPC-endorsed candidates' election celebrations.

Paint Your Teeth

Are you tired of your yellow teeth? There's no need to cap them, just paint them, says Dentist Harold Horn in *American Health*.

It works just like dying your hair. First you strip the old color then apply the new tint. And if you think your teeth will look too good, the dentist can always brush in a few imperfections.

The name of the new tooth paint: "Rembrandt."

'Gentlemen's Quarterly' Declines Gay Ad

Gentlemen's Quarterly, the national fashion magazine probably found in more gay homes than non-gay, has declined an advertisement for Gay Housing LA '84, the only firm to win approval by the California Real Estate Department, reports the firm's news release.

The firm, which recently embarked on a worldwide ad campaign, was flatly refused when they approach G.Q.

"It was made perfectly clear by G.Q. that the word 'gay' never appears on the pages of their magazine. They claimed that they had no idea (or interest in knowing) if any of their readers were gay," said Philip Twichel, president of Amber-Gold Media in Los Angeles. "We wonder what would happen if everyone who subscribed let them know."

Jean O'Leary, of National Gay Rights Advocates, said, "Unfortunately this kind of discrimination is still legal, as oppressive and outdated as it may seem to be."

GENERAL, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE MILITARY UNDERSTAND OUR POLITICAL OBJECTIVES IN THIS GRENADA OPERATION...

WE HAD TO GO IN—
WHAT WE HAD THERE
WAS A BRUTAL PICTATORSHIP—
THEY WERE JAILING PEOPLE
AND KILLING PEOPLE WITHOUT
TRIAL— CRUSHING HUMAN RIGHTS—

YOU MEAN—GET
READY TO INVADE
CHILE, SIR?

WHAT'D I SAY?



Montrose Mouth

Vote Tuesday

Yes, it's the election. Polls will be open 7am to 7pm. See you there.

A prominent artist will be visiting Texas Renegades beginning Friday of next week and through the weekend, when the works of prominent artist Robert Adragna will be on display from noon until 5pm each day.

The New York artist, who has had national exposure for his western and science fiction works, will be on hand to display his creations.

Many VOICE readers may already be familiar with his advertisements for Texas Renegades, so plan to see this colorful art on canvas next weekend.

All you home beer makers can celebrate the legalization of home brewing this weekend and put your own brand up for a blue ribbon. Munchies Classic Cafe, 2345 Bissonnet in the Village, is hosting a competition, and the public is invited to get intoxicated by tasting the wide variety of home brews. For more information, call 523-8154.

Now someone recently asked how come the Mouth is always talking about the University of St. Thomas. That's because UST is the only university in Montrose and they're always sending us their press releases, of which we're only too happy to publicize. So here we go.

For all you lovers of Dixie—or curious Yankees—the university will present "Cajone Night on the Mississippi Queen" (the boat) Sat. night at 8 in Crooker Center at 4011 Mt. Vernon. Then later in the week in Cullen Hall, the flute troupe will perform at 8 Mon., and there will be a guitar concert Wed. at 8.

All you jazz lovers can make plans for next Friday's Fall Jazz Festival at the High School for the Performing Arts at 4001 Stanford. Concert time is at 7:30 p.m. in Denney Theatre.

Area "wimmin" can gather at the Houston Wimmis Mini-Festival this Sunday to celebrate women's art, music and ideas. Should be a fun time with live music, films and artisans.

Feminist humorist Kate Clinton will be at Treebeard's at 315 Travis Saturday night, and for \$12, you can see the show and munch out on Cajun cuisine. Rumor has it that Kate's hysterical, and women love her.

Montrose restaurateur Tim O'Reilly is opening a downhome country and western bar on Westheimer at the old Peyton Place location, serving beer, wine and mixed drinks. Sam Bass is the manager.

Homeowners Fixing Their Own

The "do-it-yourself" revolution is picking up speed. The majority of home repairs and remodeling is now done by homeowners rather than contractors, reports *USA Today*.

Industry analysts say the high cost of professional work has sparked the self-help boom. Ten years ago, people doing their own home repairs accounted for one-third of all home improvement spending, while the prediction is that in the next decade, that'll go up to as much as two-thirds.

JOIN US.

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Citizens For Human Equality
Greater Montrose Business Guild
Mayor Kathryn J. Whitmire
City Councilmember Eleanor Tinsley
City Councilmember George Greanias
State Representative Debra Danburg**

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Visitors Pay The Bills.
And That's A Fact.**

Vote For Proposition A.

The Montrose Voice Recommends ...

By Hollis Hood

On Nov. 8, Houstonians must make significant decisions about their city's future. Citizens will determine who their mayor will be, as well as who will represent them in City Council.

They will determine how the hotel/motel tax will be spent—on a convention center or on projects to which it is presently applied—and whether the state should adopt several constitutional amendments.

Citizens will also decide if they want a catch-all emergency telephone number.

So in the interest of keeping its readers informed, the VOICE addresses these races and issues in hopes of stimulating readers to closely examine the persons and issues before going to the polls. But above all—vote. It's your voice in government when no one else listens, but it can only speak when you use it.

MAYOR: KATHY WHITMIRE

Also Acceptable: Dick Sllemmer
Incumbent Whitmire, 37, many think, will have stouter opposition than in her 1981 campaign when she carried 62 percent of the vote. Certainly, Kathy has shaken things up—it's hard to get a bright, petite lady to be a "good ol' boy" at city hall. Apparently, she has antagonized enough of the good old boys that they have thrown some of their financial support behind her most prominent opponent, Bill Wright.

However, despite the running battles, she and her controller wage, and despite her critics' claims that she has headed the city toward bankruptcy, she stands her ground in pristine business attire, continuing to pursue what she must consider the most constructive way to improve life in Houston.



Whitmire is Voice's primary choice

Whitmire has been installing several programs that will take time to prove whether, in the overall scheme of things, they are workable for Houston. People who look for immediate solutions to problems and issues which have taken decades to develop should not be so naive as to look to government for quick responses. Governments—municipal, county or national—are not noted for quick response time. The wheels of bureaucracy grind slowly, and the coffers of municipal money are even more recalcitrant.

In all justice, Whitmire's feminine shoulders cannot bear the brunt of a national economic near-depression finally hit Houston during her administration. City services are down because at no time in the city's history has demand for services been at such a peak. Thousands of people have poured into Houston during the past two years—all of them looking for the same job that was filled three days before they arrived.

Houston is wonderful—and it does have it all—as the visitors and convention center advocates boast, but sometimes with the massive influx of people and recombining of shifting populations, it is necessary to stand in line or wait in traffic until governmental mechanisms can take hold.

Tooties (oops, Kathy) did try to do something about transportation via the Metropolitan Transit Authority's rail plan, which she and most of the council endorsed. This newspaper, after doing much research, came out ardently against that project and still cannot reconcile that there was much wisdom in it, but it would have created jobs and would have stimulated the economy. A mayor has to think about putting people to work, making taxes and making the city run.

Under Whitmire's administration, MTA has greatly improved service, going from an on-time record of 47 percent to 90 percent. Transitsays on the Gulf, Katy and

North freeways will feature bus and van lanes, and these lanes are under construction now.

Whitmire did fulfill her campaign promise of improving streets, and 512 miles of city thoroughfares have been resurfaced.

The mayor's office established the Redevelopment Task Force to expedite inner-city redevelopment and create jobs, and a new planning director was hired who has been investigating target areas for neighborhood revitalization.

Whitmire also fulfilled another campaign promise of improving police protection, has cracked down on DWI offenders, and under her leadership, HPD has instituted the Directed Area Response Team in an effort to improve police community relations and law enforcement.

Specifically for the gay community, Whitmire pushed for the \$71,000 budget item for an AIDS monitoring system and approved the city grant request for \$91,000 more from CDC. She has continually been responsive to the gay community when its concerns have come to her personal attention.

She, like all the candidates, is aware that Houston needs increased water treatment and sewage treatment plants.

She has pushed for the convention center in downtown because it will enhance Houston's economy and create jobs.

Her administration's response after Hurricane Alicia was immediate.

Whitmire constantly lobbies for Houston, the giant—the almost unmanageable, sprawling metropolis that it is. This is no easy task, so if Whitmire seems curt, it's because she doesn't have time for bullsh*t. And that's the kind of person Houston needs to harness its energy, channeling it to the betterment of its citizens.

On the other hand, alternative Dick Sllemmer is untried in Houston politics,

as well as a retired Air Force colonel.

He is aware, as are we all, of the stresses on Houston's economy, and his solutions are: sunset additional taxes, quit borrowing, live within our means, promote efficiency, eliminate waste. He, if elected, would encourage civic association involvement for a grass roots knowledge of how government is affecting the people.

He also encourages the development of a comprehensive water plan.

And the one aspect of Sllemmer that makes him appeal to gays is that he has sons who are gay and has adopted five young gays as well. He is obviously sensitive to gay issues and concerns, and as seen from a special interest perspective, would be most affecting to the race.

CONTROLLER—LANCE LALOR

Perhaps no candidate on the ballot is more deserving of the support of the gay community as a special interest group than is Lance Loral, incumbent controller. He is one of the few who has got motion where his mouth is as an overt proponent of gay rights. He has not been afraid to speak his mind whenever he thought the authority of his office has been questioned or when the guardianship of the city's funds, which he apparently tends with jealous zeal, has been thwarted.

As far back as 1978 as a past state representative, Loral was active in removing a rider prohibiting gay groups from using university facilities. At that time, gay lobbyist Betty Naylor in Austin was quoted in *Upfront* as saying "Rep. Loral was marvelous. He carried this point of order for us without ever being asked to. ... The gay community owes Rep. Loral our special thanks."

He was named one of the 10 best legislators by *Texas Monthly*.

He has never failed to be cooperative with constituents when on city council.

And on one occasion, he was seen dancing at a chili cookoff at the Brazos River Boston.

Lately, Loral has been reclusive or perhaps has become gun-shy of public comments and has failed to respond to either the League of Women Voters' questionnaire or the *Houston Chronicle* Voters' Guide. However, he did respond to the VOICE's query about what he considered his most outstanding accomplishment in office.

"The successful efforts we have made with cash management and our aggressive investment policies are probably the most critical," Loral said. "We have earned the city \$103 million in the past year through sophisticated investment procedures, and that has done much to improve the budget that is struggling."

When asked why he had not responded to other organization's questions, he said,

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Sllemmer also gets Voice approval

but apparently is far from being politically naive. He is the executive officer of Consetech, a computer firm. He is an engineer, lawyer, CPA and recognized expert in government administration and



The Voice's Choices—And Why

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"I haven't had time to do anything political. I've got everything in a file marked 'campaign,' but I'm literally campaigning on my record. I've been doing my job, and that got to be enough."

As the watchdog of city funds, Lalor has certainly taken his job seriously, repeatedly challenging the present administration with financially sound arguments against proposed expenditures, such as the MTA rail proposal, the downtown convention center and the city budget.

These attitudes may place Lalor at times in an adversary position with other officials, but Houston needs someone who won't back down to help keep financial expenditures in perspective. He's protecting our money—that's his job.

DISTRICT C COUNCILMAN—GEORGE GREANIAS

Incumbent Greanias, 35, is a city councilperson and associate professor of administrative science at Jones Graduate School, Rice University. Named as one of the Outstanding Men of Houston in 1983 and featured as one of 84 outstanding persons in Houston by *Houston City*, Greanias favors computerization to help promote government efficiency, stronger policies ensuring safe water, a workable water supply system and the neighborhood police DART concept.

Greanias has been responsive to residents of the Montrose area and stands as an example of anti-discrimination in city

initiating ordinances that affect the quality of life in Houston, such as regulations on food vending machines and making it against the law to leave unattended children in a vehicle. She was an ardent proponent of the MTA rail proposition and is solidly behind the downtown convention center. She told gay business and civil leaders at a recent reception, "We on city council have researched this as well as we research anything and believe it to be sound."

Regarding city finances, Tinsley favors "a small tax increase" and user fees to maintain services, facilities and equipment. She supports a comprehensive people-mover plan in which buses are the principal mode. She favors conversion from well-water to surface-water in the future because of subsidence problems in Houston.

Carolyn Day Hobson, 38, a lawyer and native Houstonian, has not served in Houston politics before, and perhaps the time is right for her. She favors an expanded bus system and use of existing rails for transit. She believes the solution to the budget problem is in attracting new business and industry to the city which would solve the job problems and therefore the tax woes.

Hobson is the current treasurer of the Houston Lawyers' Association and is a member of the Houston Commission on Education. She has campaigned vigorously for the gay vote and should be given a chance to exercise her options for city government.

AT LARGE POSITION 4—ANTHONY HALL Also Acceptable: Nikki Van Hightower and Marilu Ruffolo

Hall, who resigned a secure seat on council to run in the open race, said he believes he can more effectively represent all of Houston in an at-large position. The 39-year-old attorney has served in the House of Representatives and was a U.S. Army captain in Viet Nam.

He supports the Regional Mobility Plan for easing Houston's transit problem. This plan includes several grade separations which have not been completed and a greatly expanded bus fleet.

He favors the DART and HOW police interaction programs and does not favor tax increases.

He says the next 20 years will be critical for Houston's water supply and use and that planning must be done now.

Van Hightower, director of the Women's Center, is a former professor and radio political commentator. She favors a larger, better-trained police force, emphasizes community participation in fighting crime, supports expanding MTA's bus fleet and developing a transportation plan from citizen input, and advocates the development of a water quality and treatment plan to phase out groundwater use to prevent subsidence and flooding.

Ruffolo, 30, a native Houstonian, is director of governmental affairs for Time Energy Systems, Inc. She sees the biggest problems the city must tackle are lack of planning, crisis management, wasteful spending, overlapping city services, utility rate control, mass transit, crime and flooding.

Ruffolo favors cutting overlapping services and the waste out of the city budget ("eight hours work for eight hours pay") and voting down the "unnecessary" convention center project. Bayou beautification is a biggy with Ruffolo, as are all aspects of water-analyzing—is it safe and will there be enough of it? She opposes utility rate increases and proposes a city inventory including streets and street repair.

Hall, Van Hightower and Ruffolo all are outspoken and all give the impression of being able to get things done if elected. Nobody here is afraid of a fight, and nobody here is afraid of gay rights within the bounds of logical expectations, but Hall outranks the ladies in experience in Houston politics.



Lance Lalor endorsed for city controller's job another two years



Eleanor Tinsley gets dual endorsement with ...



... Carolyn Hobbs for at-large council seat 2



Jim Greenwood endorsed for at-large council seat 3



Greanias, Montrose/Meyerland councilman, deserves another term

hall hiring. Although the VOICE and Greanias have had differences about how rapidly something must be done to alleviate a deteriorating lower Washheimer, the wheels are now in motion for what he terms as a sound solution through the Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance. He is also attempting to do something about transportation in his Transportation Reform Ordinance, permitting private sector innovations to increase taxi cabs and vempools.

Perhaps the most outstanding attribute about Greanias is that he isn't afraid to tackle an unpopular or sensitive issue or walk into a would-be hostile crowd. He is sharp and innovative, and you have to run to keep up with him. That's the kind of energy Houston needs on city council, and by his lack of significant opposition, most of his district thinks the same way.

AT-LARGE POSITION 2 (equally recommended)—ELEANOR TINSLEY and CAROLYN DAY HOBSON
Incumbent Tinsley has been active

Other Races, Propositions and Amendments ...

In other races, the VOICE endorses:

- District D—Rodney Ellis
 - District H—Dale Gorczynski
 - At-Large Position 1—Anne Wheeler
 - At-Large Position 3—Jim Greenwood
 - At-Large Position 5—Judon Robinson, Jr.
- These persons have distinguished themselves and some of them have campaigned ardently in the gay community.

PROPOSITION 4—CONVENTION CENTER

The VOICE endorses the downtown convention center project, if proponents of the center can do what they say they can.

The convention center would certainly stimulate the economy, pumping vital life into a declining construction industry and providing jobs principally in entertainment and services for many people.

Convention center advocates and Texas Eastern Corporation have courted the gay community for some months on this issue, convinced that Montrose especially would benefit most from the center's downtown location.

911 EMERGENCY NUMBER

Proponents of the 911 emergency telephone number say that it is the fastest means of summoning help in a crisis. This proposition would create the Emergency Network for Greater Harris County and authorize a user fee (talk has been of 20¢) per month for the service.

When a distressed person dials the number, a computer would automatically route the call to the closest appropriate agency in that area.

The ballot is only to decide if the proposition should be initiated in the metro area. Opponents view it as a potential for a computerized invasion of privacy on a grand scale.



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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Voters will be called upon to change the Texas constitution through Amendments on Nov. 8. The following is a synopsis of the proposed amendments and pro and con statements on each.

No. 1. Authorize fewer justices of the peace and constables in counties of fewer than 30,000, providing for continuous services of these officials when the precinct boundaries are changed.

FOR: Many counties don't need four JP's and four constables, and the requirement creates a burden.

AGAINST: Reducing the number of elected officials sets a precedent for cutting representation, specifically minority representation.

No. 2. Placing limitation on urban homestead from \$10,000 value to one acre.

FOR: Space allocation, not value, is more equitable because of changing economy.

AGAINST: One acre is too generous; one-half for urban purposes would be ample.

No. 3. Provide for advancement of food and fiber production and marketing through research, education and promotion financed by producers of agricultural products. (Applies to farmers.)

FOR: Uniform collection procedures would allow additional revenue to promote marketing and research.

AGAINST: Increased paperwork would discourage producers from applying for refunds. A similar amendment was rejected in 1977.

No. 4. Statutory provisions for succession of public office during disasters caused by enemy attack and suspension of constitution protocol during the attack.

FOR: Proper civil defense could save lives, and the state government needs power to respond to enemy attack.

AGAINST: In event of enemy attack (nuclear), the federal government would assume control, making this amendment mute.

No. 5. Use permanent school board funds to guarantee bonds issued by school districts. School boards can use "trust" funds to guarantee loans.

FOR: A bond-guarantee program would improve interest rates, making bonds cheaper for schools.

AGAINST: If bonds are guaranteed, contingency must be made for default should they fail.

No. 6. Court ordered garnishment of wages for back child support.

FOR: This is one of few ways to guarantee payment to minor children.

AGAINST: The administrative burden would fall on employers, and this is the first step in allowing garnishment for other purposes.

No. 7. Provide financial assistance to veterans and to authorize the issuance of \$800 million in bonds of the state to finance Veterans' Land Program and Veterans' Housing Assistance Program.

FOR: Long-term, low interest mortgage loans would enable Texas veterans to finance homes they could not otherwise afford.

AGAINST: A disproportionate amount of the state's credit is already used for veterans, and similar assistance is available through the federal government.

No. 8. Exempt veterans and fraternal organizations from property taxes.

FOR: Many organizations would not be able to survive without the tax breaks they receive.

AGAINST: Exemptions would shift tax burden to already pressed taxpayers.

No. 9. Probate judges allowed to substitute in statutory county court, probate jurisdiction or constitutional county court.

FOR: Probate cases are complicated. Some judges may not be lawyers and may not be qualified to hear cases from a legal standpoint. This would enable qualified persons to hear the case.

AGAINST: Judges might not be available in their home areas.

No. 10. Permit city to expend public funds and levy assessment for relocation of sewerlines.

FOR: This would facilitate needed replacement of lines.

AGAINST: The five-year repayment plan for levy on homes is too short.

No. 11. Change the Board of Pardons and Paroles from a constitutional agency and give the board power to revoke paroles.

FOR: This would expedite the parole process and save money.

AGAINST: The present governor control of veto over parolee is a safeguard to release system.

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Wright Challenges Whitmire

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Wright believes her administration failed in remaining open and accessible to citizens and community groups as a result of the mayor's incapability of taking criticism that goes with public life.

To prove Whitmire's shortcomings, he claimed that the last four chairs of the mayor's Hispanic Advisory Board are now on Wright's campaign committee.

The GPC is another example, he says, to prove Whitmire has alienated her main supporters. He maintained, "Even though the GPC has endorsed her candidacy, they haven't targeted her race."

But Bagneris, on the other hand, countered Wright's assertion: "We've got proven access to government through Kathy Whitmire."

Wright contends that Mayor Whitmire reneged on her promise to cut administrative overhead through restructuring city government. The mayor considered consolidating 24 departments into "anywhere from 9 to 11 departments," Wright explained. "If you condense the department and have one department head instead of three or four, you wind up cutting out the administrative overhead, the higher salaries—that's where the fat is. And she hasn't done that."

But according to Paul Mabry, spokesman for the mayor, government restructuring took shape this past summer when three city departments were consolidated to form the Department of Finance and Administration.

Once elected, Wright promises to save \$30 to \$40 million dollars from completely reorganizing city government. He also promises to maintain a balanced budget and avoid tax increases.

Then closer to home, Wright addressed the proliferation of sexually-oriented businesses (SOBs) in Lower Westheimer which remains one of Montrose's most volatile issues with the present administration. And at a recent gathering of the Avondale Association at the Gertrude Memorial Church, member Chris Anderson expressed deep regret over Mayor Whitmire's unfulfilled campaign promise to "clean up" Westheimer in the past two years.

To gain control over the proliferation of SOBs, Wright believes the city attorney must be much more forceful in padlocking sites of prostitution by enforcing laws already in the books. He also said he would support regulations concerning SOBs as stringently as he could, as long as they do not infringe upon constitutional rights, such as the First Amendment.

Addressing the problem of police harassment toward members of the gay community, Wright proposes that the Houston Police Department should establish foot patrols in Montrose. He believes that foot patrols, a more personal form of community law enforcement and protection, would cause police to become more familiar with the community, not only with business owners, but also with Montrose residents as well.

He explained, "I think it would help avoid some of the undue harassment toward some of the people who live in Montrose."

And Wright intends to retain Whitmire's appointee, Police Chief Lee Brown.

According to Bagneris, since the HPD has improved in terms of police brutality and gay harassment under Chief Brown, Wright's stated intention "is a great move in saying to us that I think he's doing a great job in the area you people are having problems with, and I'm supporting the job he's trying to do."

Even though Wright served as vice president of corporate affairs for four years of Warren King Companies, a conglomerate of oil and gas firms, he proved to be surprisingly vague about the position through which he was rated one of the top power brokers in the Texas oil and gas industry. When asked to elaborate on how this influential position helped to prepare him for the mayor's office, he hedged.

At Warren, his responsibilities included paying substantial amounts of money for

various political candidates nationwide. He denied quite emphatically that he raised funds solely for politicians his employer supported or for politicians who promised to benefit the oil and gas industries. Yet Wright has been described as Warren political operative in the Democratic party.

"It was a unique situation," claims Wright of his vice presidential position under former employer Jack Warren. "I made sure when I came to work for them that I would have no lobbying responsibilities, and I would have the opportunity to support whomever I wanted to."

Jack Warren commented recently in Houston City that Wright lobbied as his former employer. And perhaps due to further comments by Warren in this magazine, Wright has had to face criticism over his managerial capabilities.

Warren described Wright as a "super nice guy, but totally lacking in administrative and managerial skills."

Cool and smooth as ever, Wright replied, "It's interesting that in the four years that I worked there, I got salary and promotion increases right up to the time I resigned. Matter of fact, they just promoted me two weeks before I resigned. It was only when I took on Jack Warren's favorite politician Kathy Whitmire, that he began to say those things about me. He told people that I would be the next governor of Texas."

Apart from his political experiences within the oil and gas industry, at 39, Wright's political savvy and experience is notable. He had worked under former President Lyndon Johnson, Senator Lloyd Bentsen and two governors, as well as served on the board of four state universities.

Wright claims to be a trained and educated public administrator, citing as proof a Master's degree in Public Administration from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas.

If he wins the mayoral race, it will be his first elected position.

Vandals Harass Gay Women

By Dion B. Sanders
Via GWA Wire Service

BERKELEY, Calif.—Vandals hurled concrete blocks through the plate-glass windows of a lesbian-owned restaurant in October, the latest in a series of incidents that the cafe's owners say is a campaign of anti-lesbian harassment.

Jean Antonuccio, co-owner of the Brick Hut Cafe, a decade-old Berkeley landmark, told reporters that earlier in the week she received an anonymous telephone call warning that "if you happen to stop fondling our children, we will torch your place."

Although most of the Brick Hut's clientele is non-gay, it is operated openly as a lesbian-owned business, with a bulletin board that displays notices about lesbian events in the greater San Francisco area.

Although the incident had been reported immediately to Berkeley police by a man who lives in an apartment above the restaurant, Antonuccio said neither she nor her partner were aware of the incident until they arrived to open the cafe Sunday morning.

Antonuccio said that the landlord "is very supportive of us," adding that she and her partner just signed a new 10-year lease, and that "he will probably bill us only \$500 for the windows."

Barbara Labin, a member of the Berkeley school board and a regular customer of the Brick Hut, was angered over the incident, promising to meet with the chief of police and Mayor Eugene Newport to ask for beefed-up police patrols and to discuss "the implications of this kind of atrocious attack on the gay community."

In 1978, the Berkeley City Council passed a gay rights ordinance that is stronger than that of San Francisco in that it provides for civil and criminal penalties for violators.

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widening. And as soon as we finish acquiring the rights-of-way, then we'll be ready to widen it."

The mayor also mentioned that that is why there has been no resurfacing of the rough section of the street to date.

It was also stated that there is more in store for this particular stretch of Richmond than widening. Plans are underway to plant street trees once the road has been improved, in addition to giving the sidewalks special treatment—all in an attempt to encourage quality development of the area.

And the Richmond project has only been underway since 1982. It had been tabled prior to Whitmire's administration.

Whitmire also addressed the issue pertaining to controlling sexually oriented businesses in the area, admitting that legislating any business operation is a sticky issue under the aegis of the courts. She mentioned that the city had tried this in the past and, due to the courts, without success.

The goal is to provide some type of regulation of sexually oriented businesses, both in terms of where they're located and what type of outside signage they can have."

She mentioned that Councilman George Greanias had been adamantly working for the past year on an ordinance that will be legally defensible that will control these businesses and help preserve the neighborhood.

"I think it will be an effective ordinance when it's passed," she said. "It passed on first reading today," she added, mentioning that it will go through two more readings before it is officially tested.

Regarding crime in the area, Whitmire mentioned that she has been very pleased

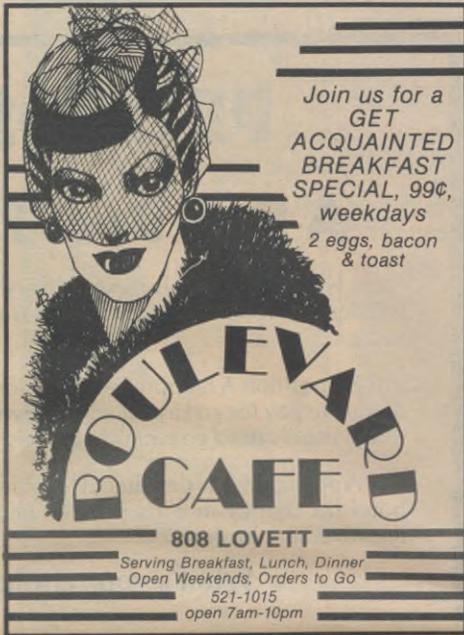
with Chief Brown's attempt to change the course of the Houston Police Department, and is also looking forward to when Montrose will be incorporated into a direct area response team (DART) manner of policing, a procedure that is already underway just south of the area, and will see policemen operating out of a "neighborhood" headquarters instead of primarily from patrol cars and downtown, as they are currently doing.

But she sees the present neighborhood driving patrols as the best approach at the moment to area crime, primarily because of a manpower shortage. In the future, she will look to the establishment of foot patrols in the area, also.

"I think along Westheimer will be a potential area (for foot patrols) where you have a lot of commercial activity and a lot of pedestrian traffic," she said of the criteria that would be used for establishing such a service.

Whitmire has been proud of the people in this city and looks at her last two years in office as presenting her "with some of the most challenging and gratifying opportunities that I can imagine," she said. "This has been a fascinating time for me."

So riding the wave of elation kicked up by city council's afternoon approval of her budget (which also included a major AIDS funding), she's whisked away by her P.R. staff into the night, feeling confident that the Dustin Hoffman look-alike, and the woman who was voted one of the 10 worst dress women in America, will be at the helm of this giant metropolis for another two years.



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Jesse Jackson Sees Gays as Rich, Influential

By Ernie Potvin
Via GPA Wire Service

Last September, a black-tie crowd of 1000 gays heard Reverend Jesse Jackson, the prime spokesman of today's black movement, ask for gay people to join blacks and other minorities in a political alliance. The event was the second annual dinner of the Human Rights Campaign Fund at the Grand Ballroom of New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Jackson was fiery and evangelical in his delivery and sounded as if he had done some homework on gay issues, but probably not enough. Although well received, the possible presidential candidate was still perceived to be lacking in understanding of gay lifestyles and agenda.

Harvey Fierstein, writer of the hit musical *La Cage aux Folles* and the evening's M.C., politely corrected Jackson on a couple of his comments following his keynote address. Jackson had said "Sexuality is a private thing and was not other people's business." Drawing a burst of applause, Fierstein later said, "I would like to let you know that my sexuality is NOT a private thing, and I would like to be able to walk down the street and kiss my lover in public as freely as you can with your wife."

In a litany of observations, Jackson had said, "Sex is a thrill, but so is getting the voting rights law passed in the 60s. Sex is a thrill, but so is unscreeing all the nuclear heads off all those missiles. Sex is a thrill, but so is passing the ERA." To that Fierstein commented, "Yes, sex is a thrill, but being gay is a lot more than being just a sexual person," and the ballroom went wild for a second time.

Jackson noted that the gay community represented something totally unique in minority communities in that among the gay population is a white, middle class, privileged economic group of people with a very high number of registered voters and a large voting turnout, which he said was quite the opposite of the black and women's communities. He viewed gay people as being a rich and influential minority, one which could be very useful within the Rainbow Coalition of labor and minority groups he had been actively pursuing. "You have power if you use it," he told the audience. To illustrate his point of building conditions, Jackson read off a list of black legislators supporting gay rights bills in Congress.

Prior to his appearance at the HRCF dinner, the *New York Native* editorially wondered if he might talk with the two black city councilmembers who have consistently voted against a New York city gay rights ordinance and elicit their future backing. The question of the illusive ordinance was not addressed. Conspicuously absent from the dinner was New York Mayor Ed Koch who was nowhere to be seen. He did send a telegram though, which was read aloud and soundly booed by the entire tuxedoed crowd.

Entertainment was provided by *La Cage aux Folles* star George Hearn who sang "I Am What I Am," and by Pattie LaBelle who performed six numbers which tore the gathering apart.

Presidential Aides Getting Higher Pay

Candidate Reagan may have campaigned against government spending, but you'd never know it to look at the White House payroll. Colorado Congresswoman Pat Schroeder says in the *Washington Post* that Reagan has approved nearly three times as many high-paid staffers as Jimmy Carter.

Under Reagan, the average salary of a presidential aide has risen from \$48,000 a year to nearly \$64,000. Schroeder says Reagan's hiring policy seems "inconsistent with his pledge to reduce the size and cost of government."

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Gay Officials Meet with Medicare on AIDS Issue

National Gay Task Force Executive Director Virginia M. Apuzzo, in a meeting Oct. 18th with top federal Medicare and Medicaid officials, called on the Reagan administration to address "some of the systemic problems with our nation's health care programs that our experience with the AIDS crisis has underscored so dramatically," reports NGTF.

Three major areas of concern relating to Medicare and Medicaid and the AIDS crisis were identified. They were problems in enrollment education—letting individuals know what federal and state health assistance benefits are available to them; coverage of experimental treatments for AIDS under Medicare and Medicaid; and the huge fiscal burden placed on public hospitals in cities with high numbers of AIDS cases.

Jay Lipner, special counsel to the Gay Men's Health Crisis, said there is a "massive sense of confusion" regarding what benefits people with AIDS are entitled to. Dr. Carolyn Davis, Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), committed herself to discussions on this issue with the Social Security Administration and the state directors of Medicaid, who actually implement the Medicaid program.

Apuzzo stressed that "we are not asking for special treatment or special benefits. We are asking that a mechanism be put in place that improves communication for all potential beneficiaries."

One of the questions raised was whether Medicare, and ultimately Medicaid programs, would cover some of the new methods being used to treat AIDS.

Alex Apuzzo said that the fiscal burden that the AIDS crisis has placed on public hospitals "begs for attention from the federal government."

Apuzzo described the meeting "as an opening round in bringing to the government's attention our concerns regarding health care costs. We hope this administration's interest in all aspects of the AIDS crisis will result in some fundamental changes in how our health care system deals with health emergencies and educates the public about programs to which they are entitled."

Sexual Exile Terms Brazil Paradise

In response to a promised campaign of extermination of Argentine homosexuals by a clandestine Nazi commando group, some 10,000 gays have fled Argentina, Chile and Uruguay for what one "sexual exile" termed a paradise in Brazil, reports the Knight-Ridder newspaper group.

Seventeen gay men have been strangled, stabbed or beaten to death in the past 15 months after the Nazi group burned down a Buenos Aires theater which had included gay sketches in a review.

The murders took place in one 30-block area of the city, reportedly a place with one of the world's lowest crime rates, and the police have not solved one case to date. The murders come after seven years of systematic gay repression in Argentina, beginning in 1976 when a military coup shut down gay saunas, bars and hotels.

Argentines detained for suspicion of being gay received 30-day jail sentences and were branded in the national computer file as gay. Nestor Perlonghar, one of the exiles, was arrested 15 times before leaving the country.

In Chile and Uruguay and other Southern Cone dictatorships, repression is less violent than in Argentina, but there is no open homosexual activity.

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Scientists Conclude Monkeys had AIDS

Scientists at the New England Regional Primate Research Center in Southboro, Mass., have concluded that more than two-thirds of the 70 Taiwanese rock macaques, an endangered monkey species, died from AIDS or diseases so similar as to be mistaken for the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, reports the Associated Press.

Recently, they discovered a virus causes the disease in monkeys, but did not speculate on the probability of what causes the similar situation in humans. Dr. Norman L. Letvin of the center said the microbe may not matter. By studying the viruses that are causing similar diseases, he said,

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they can learn all about how the virus can cause opportunistic tumors and infections similar to those encountered in humans with immuno-suppressed systems.

When going over the records of how the monkeys died in 1980 and 1981, scientists found they had either a cancer called lymphoma or rare forms of pneumonia and tuberculosis—all similar to the same conditions killing AIDS victims.

In experiments, researchers injected healthy animals with tumor tissue. Some of the infected animals got lymphoma, some got AIDS. Their immune systems collapsed, and they died of infections.

Letvin cautioned that similar viruses may cause similar infections, but only in different species, so the virus at work in the monkeys may not be the identical virus causing human fatalities. However, he said it is timely, "if not urgent," to find out what the virus is.

AIDS Issue Prominent in Sodomy Statute Appeal

The rationale that Texas' sodomy statute be reenacted because of AIDS is creating a controversy prior to an appellate court ruling on the statute which was struck down as being unconstitutional last year.

Amarillo's District Attorney is arguing that the sodomy statute is necessary to control AIDS in an attempt to influence the U.S. Court of Appeals' decision, although he did not bring up the argument at the trial level.

"It is simply improper to bring up a new issue for the first time in the appellate level," said Leonard Graft, National Gay Rights Advocate legal director. "And even if they did, it is a weak argument, because nobody had even heard of AIDS at the time the Texas legislature enacted the sodomy statute."

Jean O'Leary, executive director of NGRG, said "The D.A. is trying to exploit the public hysteria and to use irrational fear in an emotional attempt to persuade the court. We expect the court to disregard this shallow tactic."

Termites on Increase

The population migration to the sun belt has meant one thing to the region's termites: food.

A study by Texas A&M found that nearly two-thirds of sun belt homes aged 10 years or less are infested by the wood-eating bugs. For older homes, it could be up to 97 percent.

Aggravating the problem is the recent arrival of the dreaded Formosan termite, which consumes wood faster than its domestic cousin, reports the Wall Street Journal.

Neiman-Marcus and Diana Foundation to Host AIDS Benefit

Houston's Diana Foundation, in association with Neiman-Marcus, will co-host an AIDS benefit for people who have acquired the syndrome.

"This is the first time a major business such as Neiman's has expressly stepped forward to help our community. And we hope that others will follow," Tim Weaver, public relations director of the Diana Foundation, said.

The plan is to have members of the community donate dollars to the KS/AIDS Foundation of Houston and receive a ticket which will qualify them for a door prize being donated by the glamorous department store at a private fashion show on November 13.

First prize will be a men's full length ranch mink coat. Second prize will be a men's racoon jacket.

"We urge all of you to purchase your tickets from Diana members or by calling KS/AIDS (624-AIDS)," Weaver said.

Gay Man Runs in Key West Mayoral Election

Richard Heyman, 48, art gallery owner and city commissioner in Key West, Fla., is gay and running for mayor of the city, opposed by Richard Kerr, a former county commissioner and member of an old-line Key West family set, Kerr's campaign, although not overtly, has centered around the fact that Heyman is gay, and Kerr uses antigay sentiment, which as one supporter put it is "fear that if a gay got elected mayor, it would bring more of them down here" (oops, there goes the neighborhood). This was reported by the Knight-Ridder newspaper group.

Heyman has preferred to run an issue-oriented campaign. Always a strong opponent of the good of 'boy syndrome at work in the five-member city commission, he has repeatedly called for a performance audit of City Electric System and the hiring of more women and minorities at city hall, and he established a task force to investigate the millions of gallons of illegally dumped sewage into the ocean.

In a city where hundreds of gays have chosen to invest in homes and businesses, it has not been necessary for Heyman to be an ardent gay rights activist. As a local politician said, everyone knows he is a homosexual, but nobody would call him a bad politician.

Key West is an area evolving from a Latin macho ethnic to a tourist-oriented city, and Heyman backers say that Kerr and the good of 'boys are lining up for a last-ditch effort to avoid the inevitable economic and social changes typified by Heyman's philosophy of government.



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National Gay Pride Committees Coordinate '84 Plans

By Ernie Potvin
Via GFA Wire Service

Sixty conferees representing gay pride organizations from 18 American cities met in San Diego in October to exchange information and coordinate plans for next year's celebrations. It was their second annual conference, and participation was three times greater than last year's gathering in Boston.

Eighty-two cities are now known to hold some form of gay pride event, be it picnic or parade, carnival or concert. Ten of those cities have gay marching bands, and all of them have agreed to come to Los Angeles next year to participate in that city's parade as well as in a combined concert in the 18,000-seat Hollywood Bowl. The 1984 activities will mark the 15th anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion.

The weekend conference was hosted by San Diego Lambda Pride and was held in San Diego's big, new MCC church. Two days of useful workshops on a variety of topics occupied most of the conference time. Topping off the weekend was a well-attended dinner in Balboa Park, to which the community in general was invited.

The workshop sharing of ideas and experiences on such subjects as securing permits and dealing with police and government agencies was extremely helpful. The Boston and New York committees reported on the success of having incorporating suggestions offered last year by Los Angeles, including the handling of security and the reversing of New York's parade route. Wichita introduced an innovative button promotion which intrigued the Los Angeles committee, among others, and may be taken under consideration by several cities next year.

For the first time a single national slogan was agreed upon by the various pride committees represented. The option of also using it for local celebrations, or creating one's own, was left to each individual city. Los Angeles has already agreed to adopt the national slogan for its 1984 parade and festival. Olympics and L.A. is extending an invitation to the entire country to join them in making it a massive affair. The national slogan is "United & More in '84."

A uniform poster for national use will be designed to incorporate the slogan, and the Las Vegas committee has offered to handle its printing and distribution. Las Vegas holds its gay pride celebration in May and has also extended an invitation to others to come to "fun city" and join them.

At the San Diego gathering, a stirring welcome address was delivered to the conferees by Harry Hays, the founder in 1953 of the early homophile organization, the Mattachine Society. He spoke of the need to recognize that we are a "separate people" with a special gift with which to celebrate each other. A radical gay who speaks like a poet, Hays left his audience in standing applause.

San Francisco writer Armistead Maupin was the guest speaker at the closing dinner, along with Barbara Cameron, an Indian and gay activist from the Sioux nation. Entertaining were singer Kate Beck and Romanovski and Phillips on piano and guitar.

Of all the gay pride organizations, Christopher Street West of Los Angeles is the only one to belong to the International Festivals Association (for five years), which includes the Tournament of Roses Parade, Kentucky Derby Parade and New Orleans Mardi Gras organization, among others. CWS had two representatives at IFA's recent convention in Phoenix where they set up a display and introduced the several hundred delegates to what a prideful gay celebration is all about. The response was very positive, and two other IFA members extended an invitation for L.A.'s Gay Freedom Band to participate in their nationally televised parades in Milwaukee and Atlanta.

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"I found out why we're called independent," said Stan Berg, owner of The Body Works, a gay health and social club in Indianapolis. "The idea of forming an association of Independent Gay Health Clubs (IGHC) came about in early May, 1983 when I realized that the AIDS problem and depressed economy was hurting my business." In response to these concerns, he began corresponding with other health club owners nationwide proposing cross-branding memberships.

He discovered that club owners were interested in two other ideas: cooperative national advertising and an information exchange between clubs. Jim Stodgrass, Diplomat Health Club of Grand Rapids, said, "The gay population is extremely mobile, and because of this mobility, a large 'chain' of health clubs has a built-in advantage." IGHC now has 30 members where members can spend the night or use facilities.

Kevan Goodrich, who operates the Midtown Spa chain, is another key figure in IGHC. "We (Midtown) decided to join the association because it makes sense for businesses in the same field to communicate and cooperate together. The IGHC is going to get big, there's little doubt that it will become an important association, and we want to be a part of it."

In reacting to the AIDS dilemma, Conrad Morgan of Morgan's Sauna in Buffalo, New York summed up the thinking of many club owners: "We have to act responsibly towards the AIDS problem. We need to talk about educating our

Stan Berg of Indianapolis, owner of The Body Works

patrons about the facts of AIDS, not the myths. To ignore the problem would be irresponsible. And if we don't make it a issue, perhaps some state health departments will."

Bob Perelda of The Compound further noted, "I don't think clubs that offer their patrons a variety of services such as gyms, video and other more social activities have as much to worry about as those clubs that simply offer a place for people to have sex."

An international convention for the IGHC is being hosted by Goodrich of Midtown in New Orleans in January, 1984. Association members include: Arena Health Club, Pittsburgh; Backstreet Baths, Philadelphia; The Body Works, Indianapolis; Club Baths in San Francisco, Sacramento and Reno; Colony Club in Asbury Park; The Compound, North Hollywood; Diplomat Health Club, Grand Rapids, MI; The Garden Bath, Vancouver; Jeff's Gym, Salt Lake City; Majestic Hotel & Club Bath of Portland, OR; Man's Country, Chicago; Metrose Baths, Los Angeles; Midtown Spas in Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles and New Orleans; New Morgan Sauna, Buffalo, NY; Northern Men's Sauna, Flushing, NY; Olympic Baths, Washington, D.C.; The Pines, Seattle; Top Deck, San Diego and The Water-garden, San Jose, CA.

Coppola's Fishing in Absurd Waters

By Steve Warren

At the end of the year when critics list the best and worst movies of 1983, I wonder how many will have the guts to put *Rumble Fish* on both lists where it belongs.

No Snails or Brains, Please

What food would you like to eat least? The Gallup Poll asked that question, and the answer came back—snails, reports the *Wall Street Journal*. Four out of 10 people wouldn't touch 'em.

Brains were a close second, but only 5 percent said they wouldn't eat liver.

Francis Ford Coppola shot *The Outsiders* and *Rumble Fish*, both based on S.E. Hinton novels and starring Matt Dillon, back-to-back in Tulsa; but the two are completely different. If *The Outsiders* tried to be *Gone With the Wind*, *Rumble Fish* is Coppola's version of *West Side Story* played as Greek tragedy with Medea in place of Maria.

It's unique, you've got to say that for it, even if it constantly reminds you of other films—*West Side Story* for its choreographed (by Michael Smuin) teen violence; *Initiation as Voyage* for the survivor who turns into his departed sibling in the end; *Koyaanisqatsi* for its speeded-up photography; and *Zelig*, if not *One from the Heart*, for the way its puny content is overwhelmed by dazzling technique.

The barely coherent plot is about 17-year-old Rusty James (Matt Dillon)'s attempts to emulate his 21-year-old brother, "The Motorcycle Boy" (Mickey Rourke) and the trouble he gets into along the way. Among the potentially wonderful supporting characters who aren't developed are a junkie (Diana Scarwid) named Cassandra and a gum chewing oracle-poet (Tom Waits) who runs the pool hall.

It's as symbol-laden as a Tennessee Williams festival. Such good-bad dialogue as "You're better than cool—you're warm" and "I didn't get to the ocean, California got in the way" alternates with naturalistically redundant teen talk—I mean, you won't fuckin' believe how fuckin' many times they fuckin' say "fuckin'" in this fuckin' movie!

Diane Lane, who may be prettier than

Dillon (but I know which one I'd choose!) plays his sometimes-girlfriend. Their scenes together are like an audition for a 20-years-hence production of *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and they should both get the parts. Dillon turns in his best performance to date, despite the demands of Coppola's constant shifting between naturalism and stylization.

The pulsing score by Stewart Copeland of the Police and the outstanding, mostly black-and-white cinematography of Stephen H. Burum are two strong pluses for this absurd attempt to create an American mythology.

Between "fuckin'" and "fuckin." The Motorcycle Boy gets off one sage bit of optimism that should make your day: "The gangs are gonna come back—once they get the dope off the streets."

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How Do You Do At Dancing?

By Roz Ashley

Are you a willflower or a star? Are you cultural, or do you sleep at the ballet? Is dancing the personification of beauty for you? Do you thrill to the controlled elegance of the *Aura pas de deux*, or the shimmy of lighthearted rhythmic abandon? Do you thrill to anything?

Whether you find titillation in tutus or tapshoes, let's find out how you really relate to dancing. Take the following quiz, score it, and get your Dance Relationship Rating.

Put a circle around the answer that best completes each number's paragraph. Then tally up your total with the scores given after the final question. Will you lead, or shall I?

1) What kind of dancing do you like to do?

a) Disco; b) Close; c) Salm.
2) Do you do the Hustle or the California Bus Stop?

a) I hate disco; b) Too hard for me; c) I'd rather drive.

3) What do you like best about ballet?
a) The spectacle; b) The "grandes jetes"; c) Intermission.

4) What's your favorite dance movement?
a) The dip in the tango; b) The swish of the slow waltz; c) The beeline for the bar.

5) How do you feel about modern dance?
a) It makes me feel sexy; b) I adore the Paul Taylor Company; c) Confused.

6) Who's your favorite dancer?
a) Rudolf Nureyev; b) Mikhail Baryshnikov; c) John Travolta.

7) Tap dancing began with: a) Irish jigs; b) African tribal dances; c) Fred Astaire.
8) What do you like best about a chorus line?
a) The precision; b) The costumes; c) The legs.

9) How do you like "The Nutcracker"?
a) Is that the dance they do at Christmas? b) I love it—especially the "Waltz of the Flowers"; c) Super! But the butt plug is better.

10) What does disco dancing do to you?
a) It makes me high; b) It makes me uninhibited; c) It makes me nervous.

11) What movements are important parts of the Belly Dance?
a) The Hip Thrust; b) The Camel Walk; c) Leaning over for a tip.

12) How do you feel about ballroom

dancing?

a) There's no place to go for it; b) I enjoy the physical contact; c) It's clumsy.
13) What do you expect from a dance partner?

a) Keep time to the music; b) Don't ditch me in the middle of a number; c) Stay off my feet.

14) What's your preference in ballet?
a) "La Sylphide"; b) "Afternoon of a Faun"; c) Not having to go.

15) What do you think of a "pas de deux"?
a) Lovely when well done; b) I prefer a "menage a trois"; c) Is that like a "faux pas"?

Now, add up the points below for the answers you have given: 1) a-5, b-5, c-5; 2) a-3, b-5, c-0; 3) a-5, b-5, c-0; 4) a-5, b-5, c-0; 5)

a-5, b-5, c-0; 6) a-5, b-5, c-3; 7) a-5, b-5, c-0; 8) a-5, b-0, c-3; 9) a-3, b-5, c-0; 10) a-5, b-5, c-3; 11) a-5, b-5, c-0; 12) a-5, b-5, c-3; 13) a-5, b-5, c-5; 14) a-5, b-5, c-0; 15) a-5, b-0, c-0.

Dance Relationship Score:
22-39—You're a clod. You won't dance, and we won't ask you. You don't know Gene Kelley from Nijinski, and you don't care.

40-57—Your lack of appreciation could make "Midsummer Night's Dream" a nightmare. But at least you know what tutus are for.

58-75—We're impressed! You know all about Balanchine, the Bolshoi and Fonteyn. You're also smart enough to realize this quiz means absolutely nothing.

Ashley is a personal counselor. ©1983 Stonewall Features Syndicate.

Civil Rights Bills Gain Support in Congress

Arizona congressional representative Mo Udall recently became the 73rd co-sponsor of HR 2624, the national lesbian and gay civil rights bill in the U.S.C. House, and Sen. Ernest F. Hollings (D-S.C.) registered his support of S 430, making him the eighth co-sponsor of the Senate bill for employment discrimination protection. Both endorsements added momentum to the national gay civil rights movement.

Udall, first elected in 1961, is a respected elder statesman well known for his liberal views and strong stand on environmental issues. Because he had held off sponsorship for several years, Steve Endean, Gay Rights National Lobby executive director until his recent resignation, said Udall's co-sponsorship should be considered a major breakthrough for the bill.

The two recent sponsorships, the other by California representative Douglas Bosco signed in early September, renewed GRNL's commitment for '84 by '84'—to have 84 bill sponsors by the end of Jan. 1984.

Hollings, an announced candidate for the Democratic Party nomination for president, restated his support for the anti-gay employment discrimination bill at the National Organization of Women's convention recently.

"This is an excellent example of several organizations working together for gay civil rights," said GRNL Field Director Tenyan Corman.

Endean further commented, "Sen. Hollings played a key role in the past by standing firm against former anti-gay 'McDonald amendments' to Legal Services Corporation bills that passed the House and were sent to the Senate subcommittee he chaired. With his help, we were able to stop these amendments from becoming law."



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By Randy Alfred

WHIFF AGAIN: A few months ago, I wrote about misleading ads and press releases by popper manufacturers and distributors. Those self-serving statements had claimed that "poppers" "misuse" as inhalants (rather than as room odorizers) "posed no health hazards."

San Franciscan Hank Wilson, a moving force in both the Committee to Monitor the Cumulative Effects of Poppers and the AIDS Political Action Network, brought the statements to the attention of Dr. James Curran, Director of AIDS Activity at the Center of Disease Control's Center for Infectious Diseases. In September, Curran sent a teletype to Joseph Miller, president of Great Lakes Products, a major distributor of poppers.

"Other health hazards from misuse of these drugs have been documented," Curran wrote (emphasis original). "Your press release and advertisements...are misleading and misrepresent the CDC findings and their implications. For example, you state...recent government studies clearly show that such misuse posed no health hazards." This statement is not correct. In fact, the enclosed article by Jaffe, et al., of our staff indicates a small, but significant, relationship between inhalant usage and AIDS....

"While it is unlikely that nitrites will be implicated as the primary cause of AIDS, their role as a co-factor in some of the illnesses found in this syndrome has not been ruled out. I must insist that you discontinue the misuse and misrepresentation of CDC findings."

That's strong language. It may also be the first time a ranking government scientist has directly termed butyl nitrite a drug. To date, the Food & Drug Administration has declined jurisdiction over the product.

When reached for comment, Great Lakes' Miller acknowledged, "Perhaps our wording was not as accurate as Curran's." Although the original ad is no longer running, Miller said his company will continue the campaign with other ads. He also denied that poppers are drugs.

SIGNED AGAIN: When I reported two weeks ago on legislation on the desk of Governor George Deukmejian, Senate Bill 910 still awaited his action. Good news: the gov signed it. S.B. 910, by Sen. David Roberi (D-Hollywood), creates an AIDS advisory panel to encourage research and education.

That makes the Deuk 2-for-2 on gay-related legislation. He'd already signed a bill allowing San Francisco to prohibit anti-gay discrimination by the local redevelopment agency, a state body.

COUNT AGAIN: In August, Wayne Friday of the *Bay Area Reporter* complained that "less than 1 percent of the \$3.4 million handed out" by the city's Publicity and Advertising Fund went to gay cultural groups this year. The fund is supported by a tax on hotel rooms.

Theater Rhinoceros received \$7500; Frameline Film Festival, \$2500; Golden Gate Performing Arts (an umbrella group for several musical organizations), \$3000; and the Gay Freedom Day Parade, \$13,500.

In October, Allen White of the *B.A.R.* again raised the issue. The headline called the \$26,500 total ".00075 percent" of the \$3.4 million. Count again, fellas. You're

only off by a factor of 1000. The actual total listed is \$3,354,450, and \$26,500 is .0079, or 0.79 percent, of that.

More to the point, much of the fund is distributed to citywide groups without ethnic, neighborhood or community affiliations. It would be ridiculous to claim that gay citizens and tourists do not benefit from funds granted to the opera, symphony, ballet, museums, art festivals, resident theater companies and similar institutions.

Only \$533,250 goes to ethnic and minority groups. The gay community gets 7.95 percent of this. (That puts the *B.A.R.* headline off by a factor of 10,000.)

That is still not enough. We constitute about 20 percent of the city's population and probably one-third of its minority-identified population. So, we are still getting only about one-fourth of our fair

share.

That is the figure we should use. In the long run, dramatic truth will always be more effective than dramatic exaggeration.

THE WHITE STUFF: No, that's not the name of the John DeLorean movie. It's an item about Dan White, convicted of manslaughter in the 1978 City Hall slayings of Mayor George Moscone and gay Supervisor Harvey Milk.

Unless local officials convince United States Attorney General William French Smith to prosecute White under federal law for interfering with Milk's and Moscone's civil rights as candidates for reelection, White will be released on parole on or about Jan. 6, 1984. He will have served only five years, one month, 10 days for the two assassinations.

The statute of limitations on federal

prosecution expires on Nov. 27, the fifth anniversary of the killings. In the meantime, someone has been posting signs on Castro Street: "100 days until Dan White is free," "99 days until Dan White is free,"....

OZ AND ENDS: Do you find the Old Spice "for him, not for him" TV ads as offensive as I do?

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Starring as President ...

By Peter Harrison

I hate to be hard on the party I love, but we have to face it: Democrats are slow learners.

Unfortunately, they're also too serious about politics; most Democrats seem to hold on to the old-fashioned belief that people elected to high office should be qualified for it. Isn't that silly? You'd think that after two centuries of Fillmores, Grants, Hardings and assorted clownish senators and representatives, they would have learned.

Republicans, on the other hand, seem to be more realistic. "Pragmatic" was the word the Great Nixon used, and it fits. The best illustration of that right now is the way the Democrats squander one of their most precious political assets: entertainers. Demos can easily assemble about half of Hollywood and Broadway for a fundraiser, but the fund-raiser will be for some bland nonentity whose name everyone forgets once the music is over.

Republicans are far thrifter with their more limited names. Look at the fact! They got a second-rate song-and-dance man, slightly gimpy at that, and made him senator from California. Then they latched an ex-skiller by Boraxo and pumped him through the California governorship all the way to the presidency!

Believe me, all the possibility of power is not being lost on some of our more ambitious actors. It shouldn't take long for Jane Fonda to realize that if she drops her ex-hippie hubby, she can draw the women's vote to any office she wants to campaign for. Robert Redford is smart enough to know that his name and face are far better received than those of that ex-astronaut from Ohio.

But the Democrats keep on using those invaluable faces and names for mere appetizers, when they should be the main course. They have no sense of how to build a show. Go to a Democratic extravaganza, and you get a bunch of great warm-up acts, and when the supposed star appears, nine times out of ten he doesn't know how to use a mike, and if he does, his jokes are so bad you wish he'd never learned.

Show-biz folks hate to be underexposed. They'll take a cameo appearance when a leading part isn't available, just to keep their ear in. Put all this together, and you get a frightening scenario. Have you noticed the president lately? Jokes, quips, snappy patter, he's getting ready for something. Last summer he stuck

Frank Sinatra. It may require some thought for all of us to become accustomed to white bread and mayo replacing *scungilli* with marinara sauce, but it sure will appeal to Middle America.

Frank Sinatra will become Pope. He will hold that office until his death, when he will be immediately canonized as patron saint of nasty people. What happens to the present Pope, a foreigner, is immaterial.

Meanwhile, on lower levels of government, the arts-politics interplay will be increased. Jerry Falwell will be given a government grant for his new extravaganza, a film to be called *Leviticus, Now!* Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina will also produce and star in a film on the life of Jesus. In his version, set in contemporary times, Christ will live after tri-

umphing over the Sadducees and Pharisees. By the use of a simple nuclear device, He will blast the buggers back to the Stone Age.

The Republicans are sure that their roster of big names will overcome most opposition, but just to be sure, they've designed a few sops to be thrown to minority groups. Phyllis Schlafley will be named "Secretary of the Kitchen," a new cabinet post that deals with the ever mounting problems of finding new hamburger casserole recipes and pleasing tired but horny husbands.

Bill Cosby will head up the new Department of Natural Rhythm and Whimsical Wit, staying off the threat of oh-so-serious-but-boring Jesse Jackson. He will find jobs for black teenagers, cutting their high unemployment rates by sending them to

the lawns of rich party supporters to stand in cute jockey costumes with hitching rings in their hands.

Look for Charles Nelson Reilly as Secretary of Closets, Abominations and Perversions. This new post will severely punish infractions of the hankie code (as "false and misleading advertising") and function closely with the first lady to determine schedules for Gallegos fittings and new china patterns.

Believe me, it's a winning program. By co-opting all the big names and finding them important titles, the Republicans can stay in office a long time.

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his thumbs in his ears and wiggled his fingers at the Washington press corps, a charming gesture meant to demonstrate his essential humanity. He's ready for a new job.

You see, the Republicans, with their thirst for order, are setting up—not a military-industrial complex, which works well enough on its own—but an entertainment-political complex which will work on the hearts and minds and libidos of the American public. There's an entirely new hierarchy of political advancement coming.

Reagan will not run again. We need sterner stuff in the coming years. Having perted the Red Sea, brought down The Ten Commandments, painted the Sistine Chapel, routed the Sudanese and led Force Five, who could be more suited for the job than Charleton Heston? Besides, his political credentials are impeccable. Charleton Heston will be our next president.

But what of Reagan? Well, there's one more post in the United States far more important than the one he now holds. Ronald Reagan will become Johnny Carson, sitting on stage each night on NBC with sure-laugh-getter James Watt as Ed McMahon's replacement.

Johnny's cooperation in the venture will be rewarded when he becomes the next most important person in the world.

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Stanford's Trolley Catching Attention

By Hollis Hood

One almost expects a trolley car to come rumbling down Hawthorne in Montrose and roll to a stop at Stanford in front of the townhouse row aptly named Trolley Square. Evoking Victorian charm on its exterior and futuristic amenities inside, the national American Wood Council awarded the Disneyland-like project its Design for Better Living Award.

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Surrounded by older residences reflecting the charm of days gone by, the homes carry out the Victorian concept to the fullest, combining the beauty of yesteryear with the convenience and easy maintenance of today.

Criteria for the prestigious award includes creative design, imaginative use of wood products and excellence in craftsmanship.

The council has not often looked to the Houston area for entries, but Joe Porter, regional council representative, said Trolley Square excelled on all counts.

Each of the homes is as individual as its colors—pastel blue, gray, green, yellow, peach or rose—with contrasting colors to highlight the arched windows, turrets and gingerbread embellishments.

Wood, a native Houstonian, said "I came up with the concept just as soon as I saw the site and based my original drawings on the stately old Victorian homes we saw in Galveston and San Francisco."

He never deviated from this original look and using wood because "we found that the oldest standing buildings in Galveston, and across the world for that matter, were wood, and they have held up through the severest weather conditions because of wood's resiliency which helps resist wind damage."

Adding to the Victorian feeling, Trolley Square is heavily landscaped with plants reminiscent of the good 'ol' days, like crepe myrtle (a Montrose staple), jasmine and ivy.

Stained glass, another important turn-of-the-century touch, was also integrated into each townhome.

"All of the stained glass is antique European and was imported from London and have wood frames for the jewel-like pie-



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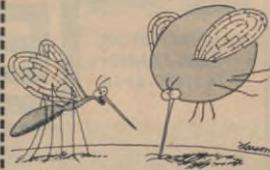
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Health Officials Tracking Down Plasma from Austin AIDS Victim

Charles Whitfield, 30, of Austin died of AIDS on Oct. 21, and following his death, health officials checked their records and found that Whitfield had been a frequent blood donor, reports the Associated Press.

Cutter Laboratories of Berkeley, Calif., recipient of Whitfield's plasma, is currently tracking down the dispersion of the plasma, which probably was used to make substances to help blood coagulate in hemophilia patients.

Bud Moderbach, Cutter spokesman, said "I expect very soon we will be able to identify each lot that was eventually produced from the particular donation in question."

Jeri Moore, manager of the Austin Blood Components, read about Whitfield's death in an Austin newspaper and checked her records to discover that Whitfield had sold plasma to her company 50 times between Nov. 1982 and Sept. 16.

Philip Zylot of the Austin-Travis County Health Department said any medicine containing Whitfield's plasma should be withdrawn.

"The dilemma is that, until they can identify the causative organism (of AIDS), they can't control it for products from any fluids from any known AIDS case," Zylot said.

Just Put Your Head in the Dentist's Lap

Japanese methods are in fashion from the bedroom to the assembly line, reports the *Washington Post*, and now they may become standard in the dentist's office.

Researchers at the University of Maryland are experimenting with Zen dentistry. Surrounded by hushed voices, muted colors and potted plants, patients lie with their heads practically in the dentist's laps while they operate in graceful, efficient motions.

Dr. Michael Benkeny thinks patients will feel more secure, and the added control gives the dentist a lighter touch.

Savage Among the Software, Or Microfiche and Me

By Sharon McDonald

One day when I wasn't looking, I'm just sure of it, some cosmic dial was turned forward several notches. The world I used to navigate with ease has become a silicon jungle of technology far outstripping my limited comprehension.

Mine is not a simple case of being anti-technology. On the contrary, I am not what you'd call a nature lover. I'd rather heat something up in a microwave than cook over a campfire, and I'm as alienated by the whales as I am by silicon chips.

I love freeways, supermarkets and all that wonderfully dependable fast food. Oh, I may have fretted about the ozone layer, written a few hostile letters to billing computers, and on one expensive occasion ripped a smug, uncooperative little telephone out of its mooring on the wall—in someone else's house. But generally speaking, I love technology, as long as it remembers who's boss.

Just the other day something happened that let me know we humans have got to get a firmer grip on things.

My telephone: Ring, ring.

Me: Hello?

My telephone: Hello. My name is Hal. I'm a computer.

Me: You're a what?

Hal: I wonder if I could ask you three short questions for a survey I'm doing. I've been programmed—

Me: You're a what?

Hal:—to record your answers after I ask each question.

Me: Now, I've heard everything.

Hal: So, if you'll just answer briefly—

Me: I'll do nothing of the kind!

Hal:—at the sound of the tone—

Me: WHO GAVE YOU MY NUMBER?

The call ended prematurely with my hang-up, or more accurately, slam-down.

This is a new one on me, and I don't like it one bit. All right, I know computers are the coming thing. I know there's no use fighting it. But, damn it, this was in my own home! For years, I've endured computers ingesting my account numbers and

5. Aretha Franklin on tape anytime I want—the Information Lady on tape telling me I should have looked it up myself

6. lightbulbs—fluorescent lights

7. push button phones—computers making phone calls

8. electric typewriters—mechanical bulls

9. electric blankets—electric toothbrushes

10. my name in lights—fingerprint IDs

What bothers me about certain technological advances is that human emotions are invisible to the mechanical eye. Where is the software to give a computer a sense of humor? What does a silicon chip know about tone of voice or a pounding heart? What happens when our most distinguish-

ing characteristics—our individual feelings and reactions—do not compute?

I knew this would happen. I'm starting to make sweeping predictions of doom. Hysteria is another thing a computer would never understand.

The development of the jacuzzi has demonstrated that humankind can live in harmony with technology. Now it's up to us to make sure it always serves and reflects our real needs. A friend of mine complains that he inevitably arrives at one bar the night Prince Charming is making his appearance at the other. How about a computer that calculates location of Prince Charming on a given night? Or one that will tell you the exact time your father would be most receptive to your coming-

out announcement? I could use a home computer that understands a person who keeps her financial records in prose.

While I wait for these innovations to appear, I shall remain calm. I will not engage in back-to-the-woods doomsaying, nor will I panic just because today's ten-year-olds are better equipped to make a living than me.

I never did like the woods, anyway—too chilly at night, and there's no place to plug in the blanket.

McDonald, who lives in Los Angeles, is co-winner of the 1983 Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Work in Feature Writing from the Gay Press Association. Her column appears here and in other gay newspapers.

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divulging my private financial details to complete strangers, but this is really personal.

When I answer the phone in my own home, I expect to hear a human being stammering, hollering and mispronouncing at me, not the smooth, eerily inoffensive voice I heard. Give me a bored telephone solicitor who calls while I'm making love, or a 2:00 a.m. breather. I'll even take an irate intimate calling to enumerate the flaws in my character, but just make it human.

The measure of good technology is whether it serves my human needs (a hot tub) or some other priority (a computer that confirms a store clerk's suspicion that I am a nonentity). To clarify the distinction between acceptable technology and going too far, I have compiled a list of examples. Each item of Good Technology is followed by its corresponding equivalent of Bad Technology, thusly.

GOOD TECHNOLOGY: Criteria—Can I turn it off if I want to? Can I afford it? Does it save me time, money or face?

BAD TECHNOLOGY: Criteria—Does it make me feel stupid? Can a child operate it perfectly easily? Is it humiliating?

1. pain killers—root canal operations
2. hold button on my phone—hold button on your phone
3. vibrators—video games
4. blenders—food processors

Former GPC President Pushes Convention Center

From Lee Harrington

A FOR vote on the Downtown Convention Center (Proposition A) this Tuesday is in the best interest of the gay community and our businesses. Tourists and convention delegates bring BIG money to a city—a large portion of it being earmarked for the arts here—they put thousands of people to work, stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants, frequent our nightclubs and they even pay us tax to do it. Our only problem is that Houston does not get its fair share of visitors because our convention facilities are critically inadequate.

Virtually every city leader supports this plan, and I cannot recall the last time a mayor and all 14 City Councilmembers were unanimous on anything...

The reasons there is so much confusion publicly are clear also: (1) the average citizen is not fully aware of the convention industry and its host city competitiveness for the dollar potential... (2) more visitors will use the facility than Houstonians (so it's more difficult to see the enormous benefits—construction, permanent jobs and the literally hundreds of millions of dollars visitors will leave in our city), and (3) for some unknown reason (only 8-10 conventions are held there per year now), the Astrodomes people feel threatened, and they hired Jim McConn to help defeat the proposal by taking full advantage of the voters' lack of information as outlined in (1) and (2) above.

It is interesting that McConn had pushed the convention center proposal through City Council when he was mayor. It is also clear why lots of money and effort are being expended for passage of Proposition A... an overriding committee concern is to make absolutely certain this political effort does not turn out like the MTA referendum debacle. Texas Eastern, who donated \$12 million in land for the center... will continue to help further revitalize that blighted area of downtown.

A west-of-Main Street location was far too short on land, but the bayou will still be beautified, as well as other cultural and tourist attraction projects...

This project will not represent a third convention center, will be the ONLY one. Albert Thomas Hall is barely one-fourth the size of facilities in Dallas, San Antonio, New Orleans, Atlanta and Chicago... The Astrodomes was built for baseball, rodeos and livestock shows—certainly NOT conventions.

And the financing plan for this new project? Conservatively sound, and not one, but two emergency insurance backups, even if the visitors don't tax here to full short. Homework has been done on this effort, all the way around. This project will NOT cost Houstonians one cent, but we'll get all the monetary benefits.

...There is not... one accusation by the Astrodomes people that has any substance whatsoever. What they have been saying has been truly amazing.

I was walking into the Officers' Club one Monday night in August when I encountered an Astrodomes petitioner who, in only one minute, managed to state to seven people at the entrance three completely inaccurate pieces of information about the proposed Downtown Convention Center. I was astounded and told him that gay voters were too sophisticated politically to fall for that kind of rhetoric.

When president of GPC, I consistently said to the city that the gay community is not a one-issue political group, that our converts concerns are the same as those of the rest of the citizens. Here's our chance to prove it.

Whitmore No 'Fairy' Princess

From Gregg Russell

"Who the hell else are they going to vote for?"—Kathy Whitmore, as quoted by an administrative aide, with reference to the

gay community.

Once upon a time in a small village of never, never, and a beautiful "fairy" princess descended from the sky to free us all, and we all lived happily ever after—or so the story goes.

In reality, it is two years later, and all the magic dust has settled, leaving us with only stark facts to face. The fact is that beyond superficial protocol, no serious, significant gains have been made in the direction of gay rights under the Whitmore administration—at least none that she has had anything to do with. Certainly, Kathy, George, Eleanor and a few others have cracked the door, but we have failed to enter.

In all fairness, I must say that the GPC has taken some wise and courageous steps in their endorsements this year. Although we have been unable to develop an environment of competition for the gay vote in many races, in the Position 4 race, while Kathy has urged the support of Democratic Party loyalist Anthony Hall, GPC cannot ignore the support of Nick Hightower, sending a clear message to Kathy that she will not control the GPC. To further the message, although GPC endorsed Kathy, they chose not to target her race for volunteer service this year, desecrating so in view of the fact that Kathy felt the volunteer services given to her last year by the gay community "were important but not that significant" (quoted from her GPC screening this year).

The problem with the GPC is that it has placed Whitmore on a pedestal and now finds itself in the embarrassing position of having to answer to her, rather than her answering to us. This is a problem which is crippling serious efforts toward the advancement of gay rights in Houston.

Let's examine the record. So that I will not be accused of making charges so in view of the fact that I have listed source information.

Beginning with the appointment of gay instructors in the HPD cadet school, announced in this year, I received a copy of the letter from the HPD, signed by Michael Michna, head of the police academy, announced that the HPD had already hired Lee Harrington and Bill Scott (see Houston Post, Feb. 12, 1982). It was the next day that I received a copy of her opposition to the proposal, saying that while she agreed with the idea, she was opposed to hiring Harrington because of his "political involvement in Houston." (See Houston Post, Feb. 17, 1982). Several weeks later after all the controversy had cooled down, Police Chief Bales announced that the HPD would not hire gay instructors (see Houston Post, Mar. 5, 1982).

Giving Kathy the benefit of the doubt on her promise to hire "non-political gays," such as Rev. Larson of MCCR, we must pause to question why it is two years later that this alternate proposal has not been instigated. While part of the fault lies in the failure of the GPC leadership to push the program, we cannot dismiss Whitmore in her responsibility to follow through. We must acknowledge the fact that she is more interested in her political career than in the advancement of the gay community.

In February '83, GPC attributed the removal of nine questions dealing with sexual orientation from the HPC screening and hiring process to our "fairy" princess/politician. Once again leaders of GPC swallowed the official line, giving her credit for the change without checking the facts. It was as a result of a Federal District Court order that Houston was bound by law to make those changes, not the optional gracefulness of Whitmore (see Houston Post, Feb. 3, 1983).

In several forums, Kathy has listed as her most significant achievement for the gay community the appointment of Police Chief Lee Brown (see Houston Post, 7/7). To this I must acknowledge the fact that despite the increased number of raids on gay bars, to date there have been no gay political activists shot by HPD officers this year.

Although she jokes about Montrose being the last neighborhood to receive clean-up after the hurricane, and although she did have a few pebbles thrown at her, she sprinkled along my street in Montrose, I think serious examination should be

given to city services under her administration.

I plan to vote for Kathy this year around, not because I am pleased with her performance, but because we have failed to develop reasonable options. We must stop deluding ourselves into thinking that she places our interests above hers and begin to treat her as a politician, not as a "fairy" princess.

Questioning the GPC Demand of Bloc Voting

From Neil Isbin

Every election, the gay community is told that our continued political influence depends upon the bloc vote which depends upon every member of the gay community voting all of the GPC endorsements. To publicly oppose a single endorsement is to be accused of trying to destroy the bloc vote.

But what is the bloc vote, and how is it

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success measured? Generally, nearly 100 percent of the active gay political community agrees with 90 percent of the GPC endorsements. In public dissent over occasional endorsements really injurious to the interests of the gay community or to the concept of the bloc vote?

There is little disagreement that the bloc vote is a vital ingredient in gay political influence, but there is considerable disagreement over what is meant by the bloc vote. The GPC line, as expressed by Ray Hall in this fall's GPC Election News, is that the bloc vote means that once the GPC has made their endorsements, the gay community loyally and blindly votes ALL of the GPC endorsements.

Typical of such dogmatism is hypocrisy. It should be noted that this year Ray Hall agrees with all of the GPC endorsements. In the past, when he has disagreed with the GPC endorsements, he has done so (and once in 1978). Ray saw nothing wrong with publicly encouraging members of the gay community to support candidates who were not endorsed. Even president Larry Bagnetta has publicly opposed a GPC endorsement—supporting Dudley Robinson against GPC endorsed Mickey Leland in 1978.

The fatal flaw with the dogmatic (and hypocritical) GPC interpretation of the bloc vote is that it ignores the opportunities and advantages of having political influence with more than one candidate in a given race. How does the bloc vote compare with the leadership's view of the GPC as a political machine. To date, in my criticism of the GPC, I have been unsuccessful in changing their self-image away from the controlling aspects of political machine to the guiding aspects of a political force.

The reality of the bloc vote is not seen in the blind obedience of the gay community, but in the spontaneous agreement of the gay community. The success of the bloc vote is not at stake when there is disagreement, but is measured in the 90 percent of the races where there is agreement.

The bloc vote is not chosen naturally when there are anti-gay candidates like Frank Mann (who was defeated by Eleanor Tinsley in 1979), or when the GPC-endorsed candidates are attacked because of their gay politics like Kathy Whitmore (1981). The bloc vote also materializes positively when there are such excellent candidates like Anne Wheeler and George Greenleaf.

However, the concept of bloc voting has NO meaning when the leading candidates are pro gay rights. For example, in City Council Position At-Large No. 4, Anthony Hall and Nick Hightower are the leading candidates and are both pro gay rights. While the GPC, as an organization,

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stands to lose some credibility and influence when gays are active in both campaigns, the GAY COMMUNITY GAINS political influence. To accuse the number of gay people actively supporting Anthony Hall of damaging gay political influence is ridiculous—they are protecting and promoting gay interests.

Just as individuals can make mistakes, so can endorsing political organizations. When one considers Anthony Hall's long record of supporting gay rights, the fact that he is an incumbent and the fact that the GPC Screening Committee voted 12 to 7 to recommend him, it is reasonable to question the wisdom of the GPC's decision to endorse Nikki Van Hightower.

The GPC endorsements should be seen as recommendations and not commands to the gay community. As such, they must stand up to public scrutiny. Public dissent over occasional endorsements is neither injurious to the gay community nor to the concept of the bloc vote. In fact, public disagreement heightens interest and engenders discussion so that the people going to the polls know for whom and what they are voting. What is at stake in races, such as the At-Large Position 4, is neither the bloc vote nor gay political influence as the GPC claims—but simply a judgment by members of the gay community as to which candidate would be the most effective in office.

Americans Still Crave Dessert

We may be sweating our way to fitness, but that hasn't reduced our appetite for dessert, reports the *Wall Street Journal*.

Cakes and crosses throughout the country are getting richer, fancier and more expensive. Nick's Fishmarket in Houston, for example, pulls down a hefty \$5½ for its sour cream custard with a strawberry glaze.

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Comedienne Scores at Rascals

By Jon Cheetwood

I love Harriet Leider. She is a very funny and talented woman.

She may not be everyone's cup of tea, however, but you really should see for yourself. You surely won't be bored.

But there's a need for a little word of warning to those sitting within earshot of the stage: you had better have come to see Harriet perform or watch out! And this is one of the reasons I have always loved Harriet Leider. She is a brave and extreme performer who really doesn't put up with any crap, and she has the knack of handling it in the severest manner—short of coming to blows—and remaining an extremely funny woman.

She warned the audience early in her set, "Shut the... up! If I have to come out amongst you, it's not going to be pretty."

True to her word, before the set was over, she had to come out in the audience, and it wasn't pretty—but it was awfully funny (actual comments by Ms. Leider at this point should not be printed) and certainly stuned the audience into submission.

For some, Harriet is an acquired taste. If you don't like her immediately, give her two or three sets and then perhaps you will begin to understand the full wonderful sickness of the lady. She's scrambled my brains and kept me in stitches for a couple of years.

Oh, she sings, too. I think one of the reasons she left the legitimate musical stage a few years ago was that she just had too much to say to her audiences.

Plus she has lung control that would put Greta to shame. Her Broadway-trained voice is evident in its brassy strength throughout her show, but in particular in numbers such as "Shiver Me Timbers," and "I'd Rather Leave While I'm in Love," where she contrasts her reverberating leather-lunged delivery with soft, subtle control in passages imbued with emotion.

Harriet's show is not what I would call nostalgic. While she has numbers that might fall into that ilk ("Going Down to Stony Inn," "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow" and a "Mr. Sandman" medley), she remains an eclectic performer. Her deliveries defy memorabilia status by interpretation—such as "Just A Little More Time" being dubbed "parked car music" with the tale she dropped on us before presenting the dittie.

Harriet invites the audience to call out words or phrases—"The closer to my demented sensibilities, the better"—then she will create, on the spot, a quite humorous song with these ideas, complete with rhyme and punch line. And these tricks interpreted in various styles are no feeble proff. She could publish this stuff. You should have heard what she did with "Slide" opening night.

If you find Harriet intimidating at first, just go along with her. She's on your side—she just wants you to have a good time, too. And believe me, she knows how to have a good time!

Main Street Presents the Real Virginia Woolf

By Joe L. Watts

In the continuing saga of Houston theatre's celebration of the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize (for women playwrights), Main Street Theatre is presenting Edna O'Brien's Virginia.

Added as a "special" to Main Street's 83/84 season, Virginia, a finalist for the 1979 Blackburn Prize, is a dramatic rendering of the life of English novelist/critic Virginia Woolf (1882-1941).

Virginia, whose life is still a fascination to many today, was a member of the

Bloomsbury Group, a collection of artists and intellectuals who left their mark on English culture in the early part of the 20th century.

Virginia kept company with the likes of E.M. Forester, Yeats, Shaw, T.S. Eliot and Gertrude Stein (whom she remembers as a "meat sausage"). Together with her husband Leonard, Virginia founded Hogarth Press, remembered for its early support and publication of T.S. Eliot, Sigmund Freud and, of course, Virginia Woolf. The play centers greatly on Virginia, but also contains two other actors (male and female) who portray the "significant others" in her life: her husband Leonard and her "Sapphic friend" Vita Sackville-West.

Virginia focuses on the troubled life of a woman who fluctuated between poetic dreaming and her own despairing concepts of everyday domestic reality. Virginia experienced the tragedies of many deaths in her family, as well as her rape by a half brother, all while still a very young woman.

Speaking while writing her thoughts at her writing table, Virginia talks at length about her mother and her death. While playing madly with a doll in her hands, Virginia relates the seduction by her half brother, a clever and very effective piece of staging.

Virginia, a devout feminist, hated male dominance and detested marriage and all it stood for: terribly conventional and "all that copulation." In spite of her beliefs, she wed Leonard Woolf, a Socialist writer who remained a compassionate devoted husband, especially during her mental breakdown when Virginia was institutionalized for several years.

After meeting Vita Sackville-West, Virginia told Leonard that she looked like "an overripe grape with a moustache," but she couldn't deny her strong attraction for the female creature. Remembering Vita with her raven black hair and her scarlet dress, Virginia reminds herself to "practice equanimity." An intimate scene between Virginia and Vita was written and performed in extremely good taste.

Leonard approves of his wife's lesbian affair with Vita, hoping that it will bring her happiness. In telling Vita about Virginia's many mood changes, Leonard reveals that at times "she leaves the ground and listens to her voices." Harold, Vita's husband, "hates jealousy like any other disease," and therefore also consents to their relationship, which he so states in a letter to Virginia (and this was the early 1900s). Vita then tells Virginia, "We must be the two happiest women in London."

In the capable hands of director Patti Bean, Main Street has succeeded with a fine and polished production.

Jeanine Pasini Beckman, as Virginia is an assured, intelligent actress. She holds the stage well, especially in her scenes where Virginia goes a bit mad. But to totally carry the play, she needs stronger variation of her character's emotional moods. She plays her too conventionally.

Steve Garfinkel gives very fine support as three men in Virginia's life: her father, her brother and Leonard.

Sally Edmundson is wonderful as Vita. Her haughty manner is perfect for the role, and her deep throaty voice was very intriguing.

Virginia's best known manifesto, *A Room of One's Own*, is a feminist piece on the necessity of space—physical as well as emotional—for women, especially women artists. In O'Brien's play, Virginia is presented as someone who may have had too much space—enough to cause her suicide.

After viewing this play, the final answer to "who's afraid of Virginia Woolf" would have to be Virginia, herself.

Virginia continues at Main Street Theatre through Nov. 5.

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Montrose Tennis Club Prepares for Tournament

By Rich Corder

HOUTEX '83: November 6 is the deadline for entries in the Third Annual Houtex Tennis Tournament.



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Tennis tournament director Jan Mauldin

Women's Softball Season Ends

By Chuck Meredith

The Women's Softball League brought its 1983 season to a close with a double-elimination tournament held at Memorial Park last weekend.

Kindred Spirits lived up to its top billing, winning the tournament.

The real news out of Sunday's play was the second and third placing of the two Division II teams. Division II regular season champs Special Blend won second place, while the River Rats placed third.

The final item on the fall agenda for the league will be its November monthly meeting scheduled for the 7th at 7 p.m. at the Budweiser Hospitality Room.

MSA Annual Meeting Set

The annual meeting of the Montrose Sports Association will be held Sunday, Nov. 13 at Kindred Spirits, 5245 Buffalo Speedway beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Nominations for all offices will be accepted at the meeting.

To be nominated, a person must be an MSA member in good standing and have a petition for office containing 25 signatures of current MSA members.

Tournament directors Jan Mauldin and Christi Callie report that three entries have been received from San Francisco, several from Corpus Christi and, hopefully, several dozen will come in from the Oak Lawn Tennis Association in Dallas before the deadline.

Play begins Saturday morning.

CHALLENGE LADDERS: Last Sunday saw lots of heavy action as doubles teams and singles jockeyed for positions (possibly for better seeding in the upcoming Houtex '83).

Robert Arriaga and Danny Casillas avenged an earlier loss to No. 2 Doubles Team Donny Kelley and yours truly, playing an extended match 7-5, 5-7, 7-5 with a score of 10-8 in the determining tie breaker. The teams couldn't have been more evenly matched—just getting down

to who made the final error or who hit the final winning shot.

The No. 1 Doubles team of Jim Kitch and Jon Colbert expects Arriaga-Casillas to make a run at them—or you can look for a recharge from Kelly-Corder after a week's cooling off period.

In singles action, Donny Kelley defended his No. 10 ranking in the Top Ten with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 victory over recent Level 1 champion Randall Dickerson.

Hot on Kelley's heels is Don Smith taking over No. 1 on the B Ladder with his 6-3, 6-2 victory over Tom Cardinale.

No. 2 B player, David Garza, held onto his ranking with a split set score of 6-3, 5-7, 3-1 as hot-tempered Mark Dingman had to retire in the final set after an overhead smash right into the tennis court—one

good racquet bit the dust! Ouch! Easy, Mark.

No. 1 on the C Ladder was taken over by resurging Richard Pregrant, 6-4, 6-3 over Mario Durham, and he has already defended the spot with the same score over newcomer Ron Maus.

George White worked his way up the C Ladder a notch with his 6-1 6-0 mastery of fun-loving Julia Collier (the Julia Childs of Montrose Tennis). She offered to take up a collection to raise \$20 to pay Mark Dingman to put his shirt back on.

TENNIS ELECTIONS: At the November meeting/party, officers for 1984 will be elected at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8. Call 534-2151 for information.

Regular hitting sessions are still Sundays at MacGregor Park, with a time change from 10:30 a.m. 'til 1:30 p.m.

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STANDINGS

Following Oct. 31 competition

A DIVISION

- 1 Strike Force
- 2 Barn Pigettes
- 3 Sisters of Mercy

C DIVISION

- 1 Stella's Fellas
- 2 Holy Rollers II
- 3 Chain Gang

HIGH GAMES

- Steve Shepleton 233
Louis Schneider 228
Bruce Herling 221

B DIVISION

- 1 E/J's Boys
- 2 5 Easy Pieces
- 3 MCCA I

D DIVISION

- 1 Numbers II
- 2 Ball Chasers
- 3 High Heat Rollers

HIGH SERIES

- Gail Lommus 596
Bob Craig 577
Steve Shepleton 576

MSA Thursday Night Mixed Bowling

STANDINGS

Following Oct. 27 competition

- 1 Kauffman's Kookies
- 2 Leslie's Boys
- 3 Googles
- 4 Stella's Screammers

HIGH GAMES

- Steve Shepleton 309
Craig Richardson 295
Bob Kratzer 199

HIGH SERIES

- Steve Shepleton 575
Deb Scott 547

Seven Day Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri NOV.	Sat NOV.
NOV. 6	NOV. 7	NOV. 8	NOV. 9	NOV. 10	4	5

For additional information or phone numbers for events listed below, look for the sponsoring organization under "Organizations" in the Montrose Classifieds.

Selected Events through 7 Days

- FRIDAY-SUNDAY:** National Association of Business Councils 3rd annual national convention concludes, "Future Links," Los Angeles
- FRIDAY:** Committee for Public Health Awareness's "Sharing Group for the Worried Well," 7:59pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett
- SAURDAY & SUNDAY:** Texas Renaissance Festival concludes near Platterville
- SATURDAY:** Choice's Lesbian Mothers' Group meets 6:30pm, 210 Fairview, apt. 1
- SATURDAY:** Lesbians & Gay People in Medicine meet 7:30pm
- SUNDAY:** Montrose Tennis Club plays 10:30am-1:30pm, MacGregor Park
- SUNDAY:** Deadline to enter HouTex Tennis Tourney, 6pm
- MONDAY:** AIDS victim support group meets 6:30pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Blvd., Suite 203
- MONDAY:** MSA Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesman
- TUESDAY:** Election Day in Texas
- TUESDAY:** Montrose Symphonic Band meets at Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 7:30pm
- TUESDAY:** Lutheran Concerned meets Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh
- TUESDAY:** Citizens for Human Equality (CHE) meets
- TUESDAY:** Houston Data Professionals meet 7:30pm, East Room, Holiday Inn Central, 4640 South Main
- THURSDAY:** *Wide n' Stein* gay radio show 7:30-9pm on KPFT Radio, FM-90
- THURSDAY:** MSA Mixed Bowling League bowls, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesman

- Selected Events in Future Weeks**
- IN 1 WEEK:** Veterans Day, Nov. 11
- IN 1 WEEK:** 3rd annual HouTex Tennis Tourney, Nov. 12-13, MacGregor Park
- IN 1 WEEK:** Gay Political Caucus meets Nov. 16, 4600 Main #217, 7:30pm
- IN 2 WEEKS:** Full moon, 6:30am, Nov. 20
- IN 2 WEEKS:** Choices meets 12:30pm Nov. 20
- IN 2 WEEKS:** Unitarian/Universalist Gay Caucus meets Nov. 20, 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin
- IN 2 WEEKS:** Families & Friends of Gays meets 2pm Nov. 20, Presbyterian Center behind 1st Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main
- IN 2 WEEKS:** Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists meet 7pm, Nov. 22
- IN 2 WEEKS:** Montrose Civic Club (Neartown) meets 7pm, Nov. 22, Bering Church, 1440 Harold

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 - Chicken Coop—535 Westheimer—526-2240
 - Copa—2831 Richmond—526-2259, disco, show
 - Dirty Sally's—200 Ayvalide—526-7225
 - Clouza R Saloon—5713 Kirby—521-1444
 - EJ's—1213 Richmond—527-9011
 - Exile—1011 Bell—659-0453
 - Galaxy—2002 Westheimer—525-7616
 - How-100 Palm—528-9120
 - JW's—800 Pacific—521-2519
 - Just Martin & Lynn's—817 Fairview—526-0150, lesbian
 - Kinky—5131 Tatum—528-5343
 - Lois's Depot—2527 Grant—528-8342
 - Marty's—1022 Westheimer—528-8851
 - Memorial Park Motel Bar—50 Waugh Dr.—861-1311
 - Midnight Sun—534 Westheimer—526-7576, disco, lounge
 - How-100 Palm—528-9120
 - Miss Charming's—911 W Drew—528-8640, country
 - Montrose Bar/Co—805 Pacific—529-7488

- High Life—1332 Westheimer—528-7165
 - High Life 2—300 Westheimer—526-6551, disco
 - Officers Club—2700 Albany—523-4084
 - One on One—1016 W Gray—528-8503
 - Outlaws—1419 Richmond—529-8503
 - Pine Elephant—1218 Leeland—659-0400, disco
 - Ranch—86201 Main—528-6730
 - Rascals—2702 Kirby—524-6272, dining, live music
 - Rich's—2401 San Jacinto—650-0789
 - Ripcord—715 Fairview—521-2792
 - Ruby Bar—2700 Albany—526-3611
 - Texas Renaissance—5196 Westheimer—521-3475
 - Twin's—535 Westheimer—520-0244, lesbian, disco
 - Vanessa R—2903 Albany—522-0000
 - Wave Pavilion—3072 Miram—528-6988
- ALEXANDRIA—**
- Silly Sally's—924 Jackson—448-9154
- BEAUMONT—**
- Copa—304 Orleans—832-4206, disco
 - Sundowner—497 Crockett—832-3989
- DALLAS/FT. W.—**
- Fly—2101 O'H—763-8642
 - Mary's II—2502 O'H—763-9435
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 - Tramway—627 Wynn—763-1247
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- LEAFETTE—
 - Fantasy I—408 Main (Windwood Shopping Ctr)—525-5209, disco
 - Pargson—1501 Broad—433-8369, disco

ORGANIZATIONS

- SELECTED NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS—**
- Gay, Free Association—408 38th, Washington, DC 20003—202 397-2426
 - Gay Rights National Lobby—708 1862, Washington, DC 20012—202 346-1180
 - Lesbian Rights Campaign Fund—POB 1396, Washington, DC 20013—202 548-2025
 - Lesbian Legal Defense—132 W 43rd, New York, NY 10018—212 944-9448
 - Motile Fund for Human Rights (Gay Place Association)—POB 33605, Washington, DC 20003—202 471-2620



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KS-ALDS, 1001 Westminster-191-1930.
KS-AIDS, Zap Cap Review Tues, 7:00 broadcast in November, 200 Westminster.
Lambda Bicycle Club, David-663-6456, Carl-421-8375.
Lambda Center, Gay Alcoholics & Alcoholics-1204 Jo Anne-521-9172.
Lesbian Gay Resource Services-University of Houston, 4800 Carroll, bus 309, 77004-1449.
Lesbians & Gay People in Medicine-800-8486; meet 7:30pm Sat 1.
Lesbian Ministry subgroup of Christus, meets 1st and 3rd Sat, 8:30pm, 2100 Fairview, apt 1.
Lutherans Congregated, meets at Christus Lutheran Church, 2915 Westwood, 6:30-7:30pm, meet 2nd and 4th Thurs evenings.
Metropolitan Community Church of the Restoration (MCC2)-1919 Decker-401-9149; 1st Sat service 7:30pm, 2nd Sat 8:30pm, 10:45am & 7:15pm Sun & 7:15pm Wed, membership inquiries call 7:30pm Tues, education classes Tues & Weds.

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Montrose Art Alliance—531-2461, affiliate I/II Inc, meet 2nd Thurs.
Montrose Chapter affiliates of U.S. Marine Corps, Bering Church Activities Bldg, 3405 Mulberry.
Montrose Civic Club, see Newtown Association.
Montrose Clinic—184 Westminster—525-7537; open weekdays 9-5; hours of office of the Restoration (MCC2)-1919 Decker-401-9149; 1st Sat service in November, Numbers 300 Westminster, 10:45am & 7:15pm Sun & 7:15pm Wed, membership inquiries call 7:30pm Tues, education classes Tues & Weds.
Montrose Singers—Carl, Lawrence 774-3961 after 6pm, rehearsal Mon, 10am, Bering Church, 1440 Harold.
Montrose Tennis Club—Rich at 524-2151; play Sun, 10:30am-5:00pm, MontCreeper Park.
MSA Men Night Bowling—play Stadium Bowl, 2005 Richardson—528-2424.
MSA Thru Night (Mixed League) Bowling—play Stadium Bowl, 2005 Richardson—528-2424.
MSA Greater Houston (Men's) Softball—523-8802; Sat, 5:30-6:15 eve.
MSA Women's Softball—League—738-8761.
MSA Volleyball—8400-2930; 8:00pm Tues, Gregorio Lincoln School, 1101 Traft.
Montrose Synchronic Band, meets at Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 8:00pm, meet 7:30pm Tues, affiliate I/II Inc.
Montrose Watch subgroup Newtown Assoc.
Mutuals (social club)—meets at the Barn, 710 Pacific—528-8427; club night Thurs.
Newtown Association (Montrose Civic Club)—meets at Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 8:00pm, 10:00 meet 7th Sun Tues.
New Freedom Christian Church—912 W 11th—521-1442; services 10:30am Sun, 7:30pm Wed.
Past People—c/o Newtown Community Fellowship—214-9224.
Play 1 Liberation—FOP 800063, 77200-2333; 9561.
Recreational Land Fund Committee—Mutual Club project.
Rise Univ Gay/Lesbian Support Group—524-0724.
Texas Bay Area Gay—523-3737; meet Thurs evening.
Texas Bay Area Gay Youth—523-3737; meet bi-weekly.
Texas Human Rights Foundation—1915 Commonwealth—522-2254.
Texas Riders—c/o Mary's 1023 Westminster—528-8851.
Usherian/Unshowered Gay Circus—c/o 181 Lusk—529-8210; 8:30pm-5:00 9/87, 528-5842; meet 3rd Sun afternoons.

Wesleyan Fellowship—864-8899.
Wesleyan Colony Arts Association—1001 Westminster-8187.
Women's Lobby Alliance—4 Chales—521-6436.
CONROE—Conroe Area Lambda Society—Jan (409) 756-0554 or Ray (409) 756-4057.
Conroe Area Lambda Society—Kathy (409) 756-9060 meet 2nd Sun & 4th Fri.
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- ♣ Finch Quarter Theater—3011 Louisiana—527-9792
- ♣ Montrose Spa—3100 Fanning—523-2378
- ♣ 2306 Club—2306 Genesee—528-5236

RESTAURANTS

- ♣ Back's—420 Lovett—521-2686
- ♣ Boulevard Cafe—828 Lovell
- ♣ Chapultepec—813 Richmond—528-2365
- ♣ Chateau Coo—296 Rice
- ♣ Franksy—Montrose at Westminster—529-7896
- ♣ Matt Green BBQ—138 W Gray
- ♣ Metro Gyrex Sandwich Shop—1338 Westminster—528-4655

- ♣ Greek Island—302 Tamm—522-7040
- ♣ House of Pies—3112 Kirby—498-3816
- ♣ Hunky's House—708 W Alabama
- ♣ Inners—1503 Westminster—528-8252
- ♣ Omie's Mead—2018 W Gray—529-8432
- ♣ Pizzeria—Richmond at Kirby—524-0075
- ♣ Paradise—2702 Kirby—524-6272
- ♣ Second Verse—3618 Westminster
- ♣ Spanish Flower—3921 Main
- ♣ Spicy's—1814 Westminster—520-6554
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- ♣ Houston Home & Garden—3478 Bolover
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Taurus—Working it all out with your partner and showing a real sense of caring and concern is what's happening. An incident that has brought up feelings of jealousy or possible loss may be the trigger. Don't be afraid to be playful about serious matters.
GEMINI—Whether it's remodeling, redoing or returning, there's something in your life that deserves a second look. And, after looking carefully at it once again, you should be able to take the necessary action to make it just what it should be this time around.

CANCER—Someone you've known for a very long time will touch your heart. Their needs and concerns will be your own. This could be a family member whom you've been close to before, but never like this. Sharing is the key word of this special time.

LEO—There's a good bit of confusion, and a lot of figuring out to do. Knowing your limitations—when to start, when to stop, how far you can go—will help a lot. Star at the detective in your own mystery story, a big clue can be found in what you are willing to give.

VIRGO—In your sign this week: Mars. Playing the role of the exciting androgynous and knowing how to be several people at one time may be a lot of fun for you, but confusing for others. What seems to be just right may take some explaining to one you're close to. Don't apologize; just speak the truth.

LIBRA—In your sign this week: Pluto (until Saturday mid-day). The usual hassles and problems of your life seem somewhat less important now. This is mainly due to your more serious involvement with the more pressing problems of others. Your ability to organize and bring clarity from confusion will be a great help.

SCORPIO—In your sign this week: Pluto (enters Saturday mid-day), Neptune, Mercury and the Sun. The financial picture is excellent. There's a real increase in what you have; what you need to concentrate on now is how to use what you have to help you in the future. Plan well, and while you're doing it, enjoy the rewards that much effort has brought to you.

SAGITTARIUS—In your sign this week: Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune. Take a chance in business matters if you must, but play it safe in love. Your personal dynamism will work well at work, making you the right impression; but in a romantic relationship, it could prove to be a bit much for things as they now stand.
CAPRICORN—It may be getting cold on the outside, but inside, things have never been hotter for Capricorn and lover! Hot sex and a warm heart times two equals heaven, and you'll swear you've arrived. No more advice is necessary from Tychos.

AQUARIUS—Obsessions can be fun—but extremely dangerous. If you're obsessed with something that will eventually be to your benefit, just go right ahead; but if it's along the lines of jealousy that you're moving, step back and take a look. Start again on another path.
PISCES—Travelling is definitely on your mind. Now is the time to plan for your Christmas holiday, but don't do your planning alone. Surprises are fun, but your partner is likely to feel left out if you can't tell him or her in on the fun and excitement.
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—Dr. Nikki Van Hightower, KTRH, Mar. 1978

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"I know that a good business climate and a good economy are absolutely essential to have freedom and allow us to function in a good way. I've never been anti-business or anti-growth."

—Nikki Van Hightower, Houston Chronicle

Nikki has considerable support from a large segment of the Houston Chamber of Commerce and the downtown business district including banker/developer Walter Mischer, realtor Howard Horne, Charter Bankshares Chairman Jerry Finger and Pos. 4 incumbent Johnny Goyen.

She supports the Downtown Convention Center because it will bring added revenue to businesses in the greater downtown areas including Montrose. She supports the plan proposed by the Chamber of Commerce to involve the private sector in basic city service contracts. Nikki also proposes active recruitment of business relocation to Houston from other cities and the formation of an Economic Development Committee to set plans to attract business to Houston.



Quality of Life

"I live in Montrose. I want it to be a safe, clean, attractive place to live."

—Dr. Nikki Van Hightower, EPAH Forum, Oct. 1983

Nikki believes that Houston must develop new business in order to provide more and better jobs. She supports plans to bring business to Houston by making it a better place to live. She is in favor of the Buffalo Bayou beautification plan and other park developments such as the proposed downtown riverwalk development. Nikki is disturbed with the current sewer and water problems of the city which are prohibiting Houston's development, and she feels that the planning commission of the city needs to alter its projections to account for increased needs in basic city services. Nikki also feels that greater emphasis on diverse cultural activities and the arts is important for the development of Houston, its people, and its commerce.

Crime and Police Problems

In a recent forum, when asked if he would support a plan to transfer officers found guilty of harassment outside of the 610 Loop, Nikki responded:

"No, I would support a plan to fire them. By transferring problem officers to other areas, we do not eliminate the problem—we simply give it to someone else."

Nikki believes that in addition to increasing the number of new officers, we must get quality officers and make them work for the community, not against it. She believes that can only be done by creating the kind of department that will encourage good officers to stay. She believes that it isn't just a question of pay, but a matter of improving morale in the department.

She has proposed accelerating plans to build police substations in different parts of the city, thus reducing response time and eliminating the downtown jail/officer clique. She also believes "cop on the beat" plans will make officers more familiar with the community and its lifestyles. Nikki also proposes a plan to eliminate violence in the home as a long range plan to eliminate violence in our streets. She has done considerable work in this area already and believes that the elimination of spouse and child abuse will have lasting effects on the community as a whole.

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